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# SBC Holds Constructive Meeting

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ST. LOUIS — The 104th session of the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned on Friday night of last week after electing Dr. H. H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City as president and for the fourth time in six years electing a Mississippian as first vice-president.

The Convention, meeting in St. Louis' commodious Kiel Auditorium, elected the pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, a well-known and veteran Southern Baptist leader, over Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church,

Little Rock, the Convention's first vice-president this past year.

## Other Action

In other significant action the Convention sent a telegram of commendation to President Kennedy, picked Detroit as the meeting place for 1966, and rejected a strong recommendation from its Executive Committee which would have provided a liaison arrangement between the denomination and the Boy Scouts of America.

Specifically the proposal would have asked the Brotherhood Commission to provide materials to pastors and boys

working towards their God and Country awards in Boy Scout organizations.

The man elected as first vice-president was Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, of Jackson, president emeritus of New Orleans Seminary.

## Other State Men Elected

Other Mississippi men elected as the Convention's first vice-president during the past six years were the late Rev. Deb Stennis, Dr. Chester L. Quarles and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

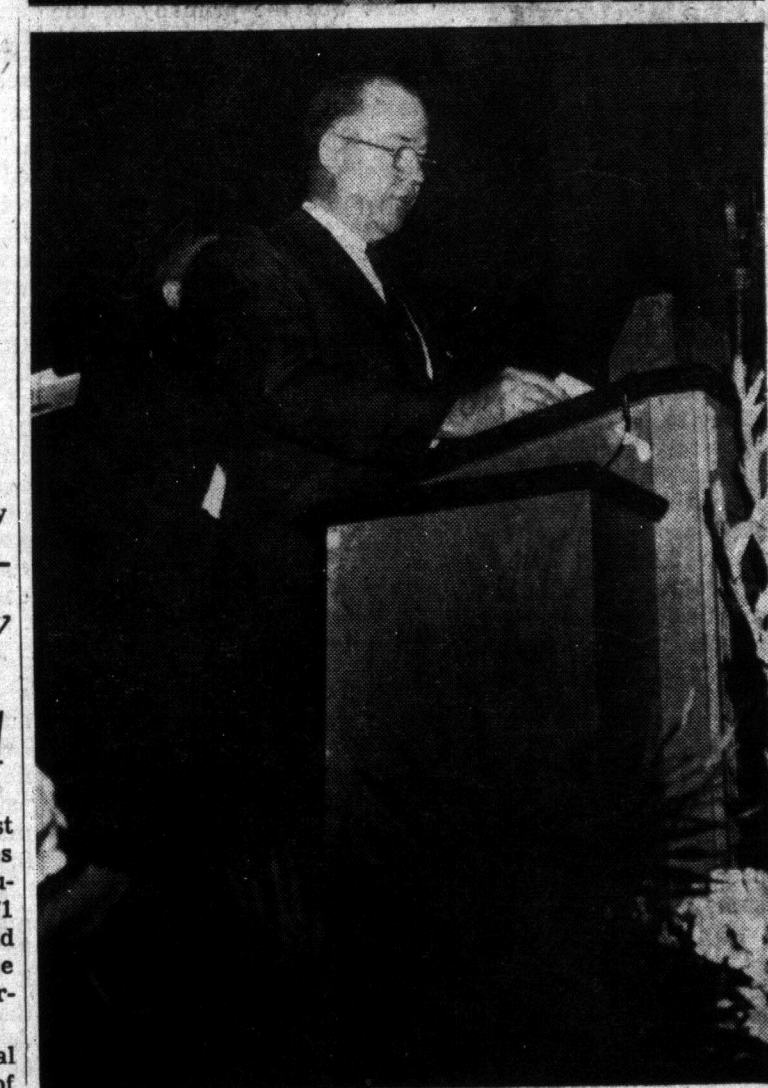
The Convention took a "mild" attitude on the race issue, adopting a Resolution on

race relations which declared that "today the solution of the race problem is a major challenge to Christian faith and action at home and abroad."

The Resolution further said: "Because Southern Baptists are the largest Christian group in the area where racial tensions between whites and Negroes are most acute, we feel an especially keen sense of Christian responsibility in this hour."

"We recognize that members of our churches have sincere differences of opinion as to the best course of action in this

PHOTO across top shows SBC in session last week in St. Louis. In photo at right H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma City, the new Convention president, chats informally with Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, of Jackson, new Convention first vice-president. In second picture below Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman, is seen addressing the body. In photo at bottom Convention President Ramsey Pollard (right) presents a certificate to Dr. Thomas B. Sellers of New Orleans. Dr. Sellers formerly lived in Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian.



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## The St. Louis Convention

Southern Baptists in their St. Louis convention steadfastly held to the main line, and refused to be detoured to any side tracks, either by message or proposed action.

They continued to give emphasis to the centrality of the message that "Jesus Christ is the only Saviour for the lost world", and to the primacy of the local church in all of the Southern Baptist program.

They rejected some minor moves to lead them toward the ecumenical stream, and held resolutely to their course as witnesses for Christ in this space age.

They heard great sermons and messages by outstanding preachers and laymen, and were encouraged by reports from their many agencies, commissions and committees.

They were thrilled again and again by some of the finest music ever included in a Southern Baptist Convention program, as soloists and groups from all over the Convention appeared.

They chose a conservative as their president. He is Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and preacher on the Baptist Hour. A Mississippian, Roland Q. Leavell of Jackson, was elected first vice-president, and a Texan, Herschel Ford of El Paso, was chosen second vice-president.

## Missions Emphasized

The Convention gave special attention to the work of its two great missionary agencies, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. The Sunday School Board, chief publishing agency, and the six seminaries were also accorded important spots on the agenda. The messengers heard with in-

terest the reports and plans of these and all other agencies.

The Baptist position on separation of church and state and absolute religious liberty, was reaffirmed several times in messages and resolutions, and in a telegram dispatched to President Kennedy. Commendation was also expressed for members of Congress who have stood resolutely on these principles.

Groundless were the fears of those who had predicted that the Convention might take strong stands on some controversial issues. While the issues of race, ecumenicalism, and closer relationships with other Baptist bodies were discussed in some of the messages and in proposed resolutions, the Convention adopted only conservative statements concerning these matters, and did not appoint special committees to make further studies of them.

## Some Proposals Rejected

The question of changing the

name did not come before the Convention itself, but the proposal was rejected by the Executive Committee on recommendation of a special committee which had been requested to study it.

The Convention rejected a proposal which would have allowed the Baptist Brotherhood Commission to serve as a liaison between the denomination and the Boy Scouts of America. This was not because of opposition to Boy Scout work, but rather because there was a feeling that the proposal might strengthen Scout work to the detriment of the Convention's own Royal Ambassador program. The latter program will be greatly expanded beginning next fall.

A proposal for observance of a special Cooperative Program Week was not accepted by the messengers but referred back to the Executive Committee for further study. Our interpretation (Continued on Page 2)

## Senate Limits Aid To Public Schools

WASHINGTON — (BP) — The Senate passed President Kennedy's 2.4 22.5 billion dollar bill for federal aid to public education with no aid-to-private-school rider attached.

In several extended day and night sessions, the Senate voted down attempts to modify the proposal and agreed, by a 49 to 34 vote, to the bill limiting federal funds to public elementary and secondary schools.

A move to write into the bill loans to private schools for construction was sponsored by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.). The Senate rejected the private school proposal in a 66-25 vote supporting a motion by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) to kill Goldwater's amendment.

Separate Bill Seen  
However, a chance to con-

sider federal funds to private schools as a separate proposition was promised.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Sen. Morse Assured the Senate that the education committee will give opportunity to consider amendment to the National Defense Education Act covering aid to private schools.

The bill as passed by the Senate provides for \$2,550,000,000 in federal grants over a 3-year period.

The grants cover construction, teachers' salaries and aid for textbooks, transportation and normal operating costs for public schools.

## A Telegram

St. Louis, Missouri  
May 25, 1961

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, in its one hundred fourth session (116th year) has today in formal action instructed us to express to you the appreciation of this body for the constitutional stand you have taken and to assure you of its continued support of your every effort to uphold this time-honored principle of separation of church and state and the constitutional guarantee of absolute religious freedom. Further, the convention would assure you of its deep interest in the many problems and crises which you face and assure you of its prayers.

Ramsey Pollard, President  
James W. Merritt, Senior Secretary

## EDUCATION AGENCY TO PROVIDE DATA

### By the Baptist Press

The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has a major responsibility for conducting studies of higher education in the denomination, recruiting teachers for Baptist colleges, and serving as a central source of information about Baptist schools.

These duties are outlined in a proposed program of the agency, which will be offered to messengers at the 1961 convention session in St. Louis for their approval.

The definition of the Education Commission's task has been prepared by the executive committee of the SBC. It is the Executive Committee which will present the matter in St. Louis. If this definition is approved, it will be printed in a manual containing programs of all convention agencies.

**Should Conduct Studies**  
Among the studies the Education Commission should conduct are those in curriculum and administrative matters, enrollment trends both in Baptist schools and in other colleges and universities, recruiting students and teachers for the 71 Southern Baptist schools, and those in which it gives advice to the school making the survey.

It should provide material bringing together the views of leaders in Christian higher education, such as the Southern Baptist Educator, which it now publishes monthly.

It should work directly with state conventions in planning higher education advances. (The commission itself operates no schools; except for six SBC seminaries which themselves are separate agencies, schools are financed by state Baptist groups.) It should also work directly with individual schools in institutes, workshops and conferences.

It should keep abreast of major trends in higher education, informing Baptist educators of significant developments. It would encourage Baptist young people in a desire to teach in Baptist colleges. It would take advantage of numerous opportunities to press the claims of the teaching profession.

**To Organize Emphasis**  
It would continue to organize the annual conventionwide emphasis on Christian higher education.

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## FUTURE DATES OF SBC

1962—San Francisco, June 5-8  
1963—Kansas City, May 7-10  
1964—Atlantic City, May 18-24  
1965—Dallas, June 1-4  
1966—Detroit, May 24-27.



church, Laurel, an airplane ride over and girls who brought three visitors the last day of their recent revival. Taken a few minutes before the messengers standing beside Pilot Evio de are Debbie Anderson, Drena Anivia Moseley, Jerry Moseley, and "Final Results" column.)



Rev. Howard Benton

## Mississippi City Calls Pastor

Mississippi City Church has called as pastor Rev. Howard Benton, graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Benton has been pastor at Hillsboro Church for four years, and was formerly pastor of the Dublin Church, Jeff Davis County, for 18 months.

He is married to the former Grace Gray of Mendenhall. They have one child, Deborah Joan, 7 years.



The coming year are shown above: Duck Hill, vice-president; Mrs. D. Minona, community missions chairman; Ezzelle, Duck Hill, YWA chairman; LaVonne Hatten, Kilmichael, Sun-chairman; Mrs. E. F. Burke, Wil-wardship chairman.

## Fred Holder Ordained

Fred L. Holder, formerly of Nederland, Texas, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry at Glade Church, Laurel. Mr. Holder, a first-year student at Clarke College, has been asked to serve as supply pastor at Glade Church while continuing his academic training.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. E. G. Wells, pastor of Glade Church. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. Preston Holder, brother, who is pastor of the Baptist Church at Hankamer, Texas. The charge to the church was delivered by Rev. Artis Brewer, pastor of Tucker Crossing Church.

Rev. T. R. Coulter, Sr. presented the Bible to the candidate and the ordination prayer was offered by Windell Byrd, a deacon in the local church. Mr. Holder is married to the former Minnie Jean West of the Glade community. Mr. and Mrs. Holder have three children — Howard, Vickie and Joseph.

## SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE

This issue of The Baptist Record is devoted largely to a report of the Southern Baptist Convention which met last week in St. Louis.





PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS for 1961 are from left Dr. Carl E. Bates, native Mississippian, pastor of the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., president; Dr. W. Morris Ford, First Church, Longview, Tex., vice president; and Ray Collum, First Southern Baptist Church, North Hollywood, Calif., secretary-treasurer.



FLAGS OF MANY NATIONS, representing various national groups, were seen as a group from a Good Will Center at Granite City, Ill., present them during the Home Mission Board program on Thursday night.

## The St. Louis ---

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tion of this action was that it was not in any way a rejection of or criticism of the Cooperative Program as such. We felt that the Executive Committee proposals of larger emphasis on the Cooperative Program had not been fully explained to the Convention, and the messengers do not accept that which they do not understand. Furthermore, there was some objection to setting another special week, especially since the suggested date seemed to conflict with some already established programs. It is our conviction that had this enlarged program been fully explained through the Baptist press prior to the Convention session there would have been little difficulty in securing approval of the proposals.

### The Convention in Action

It is always an interesting experience to watch a Southern Baptist Convention in action. The program moves smoothly, and sometimes slowly, but always with purpose and direction. The loyalty of Southern Baptist leaders to the great principles and program which have made us, is felt as speaker after speaker is heard, and the same spirit in the rank and file of Baptists in sensed in their response to the speakers. Southern Baptists can trust their leaders, for they are clear-thinking, dedicated men and women who seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their work.

Southern Baptists can also trust their conventions in session. A Southern Baptist convention is truly a "democracy in action". No one can stamper the messengers. There is freedom to differ and disagree, and when this occurs a gracious spirit prevails, but when the vote is taken, Southern Baptists make clear their unwavering belief in the Word of God and their rejection of anything that is not true to the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who fear that Southern Baptists are being led down "strange roads" need only to attend a convention to realize how wrong they are.

### Impressions

Several things in the St. Louis meeting impressed us.

First was the primacy of the local church in the Southern Baptist program. This was revealed in the convention program theme, "My Church — Reaching Out". It was further emphasized in the reports and messages of the agencies. It was clearly revealed in the rejection of moves toward ecumenicalism. Southern Baptists have no place for hierarchies or authoritarianism. The churches are basic to our whole program.

Another impression was the centrality of Jesus Christ as Savior as the message of Baptists in all of their work. Some other groups may be moving away from this but not Southern Baptists. One cannot listen to convention reports and messages without realizing the truth of this. Baptists believe that the world is lost in sin, and that the only redemption is in Jesus Christ.

Southern Baptists have little interest in the ecumenical movement, and will not quickly be led into such entanglements, even though there are some of their number who would like to move that way. This does not mean that Southern Baptists do not recognize the contribution other Christian groups are making in Christian witness, nor the Christian relationship and fellowship we have with them. It simply means that Southern Baptists believe that their largest Christian testimony can be given by maintaining in their present course of unity without union.

The preaching of the Word of God was given a prominent place in the St. Louis convention program. Both in the pre-convention meetings and in the convention itself, outstanding preachers occupied important hours in the sessions. This was not only seen in the official convention sermon at the opening service, but throughout the meeting. Such names as R. G. Lee, W. A. Criswell, Ramsey Pollard, E. S. James, Glenn Archer, and Herschel Hobbs, and many others like them, reveal the quality of the preaching at this convention.

Mississippians and ex-Mississippians made worthy contributions to this platform pro-

gram. Owen Cooper, a layman, was the only Mississippian scheduled for a major address, and his discussion of Christian education was warmly received by the messengers. (The address in full will be printed in an early issue of the Record). Former Mississippians who were heard included Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary; James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board; Merrill D. Moore, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Stewardship Commission; Paul Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission and Carl Bates, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N. C.

### A Good Convention

The St. Louis Convention was a good convention, possibly not one of the best, but at least average or above. There were numerous hours of high inspiration, and the meeting was marked by unity, fellowship, inspiration and purpose.

Southern Baptists continue to march forward. Advance may be slower in some areas than it has been in the past, nevertheless it is advance. The open doors God has set before us open unprecedented opportunities, and Baptists are sincerely striving to enter them as God leads.

We return from this annual meeting with the conviction that we must find a means of giving larger emphasis to the Cooperative Program as the basic support for all of their work, and that we must major on missions, evangelism and stewardship as never before in our history. Our biggest task is selling . . . getting the message to the people. Southern Baptists will respond to world calls when they understand them. At the same time we must undergird our whole educational and benevolent program, as these are so vitally integrated with all other phases of our work.

In St. Louis, Southern Baptists heard a renewed call to "Reach Out" to the lost of America and the whole world. We believe that they are ready to respond to that call . . . "Reaching Out" with the message of Christ.

ST. LOUIS — The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here last week, was marked by a large number of outstanding messages, which proved to be an inspiration to all those present.

Space does not allow even for excerpts from all of them but carried below are highlights from several of them:

**Dr. Ramsay Pollard, Pastor Bellevue Church Memphis — Outgoing SBC President**

**Subject: "My Church — A Militant Body"**

Baptists believe in religious liberty for all men everywhere. "We would not lift one finger to deprive our Roman Catholic friends of the right to preach their beliefs to the ends of the earth. We defend their right to do so and we demand the same for ourselves and others."

However, the Roman Catholic Church should pay its own way. Protestant and Baptist Churches should do likewise. If we will not provide the funds to operate our hospitals, schools and churches, we ought not to have them.

Southern Baptist schools should be "unashamedly Christian, and we want them to be Baptist without apology. A school is judged by its products and if any school, anywhere, by any name, fosters modernism, infidelity, unbelief and unrighteousness, let that school and the guilty parties repent of sin!

Some questions have been raised regarding the wisdom of continuing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Some have pointed out that these offerings may hurt the Cooperative Program. I feel that we must not place any blame on these two special offerings. It is my considered judgment that these mission offerings undergird and strengthened the Cooperative Program.

**Dr. E. S. James, Editor Baptist Standard, Dallas**

**Subject: Church and State**

The thesis of this message that both government and the Christian religion are ordained of God. To each there is assigned by the Scriptures a definite responsibility. Both are essential for the common good of God's creatures.

Since time began there has never been a free state without free churches, and there has never been freedom of religion without freedom of government.

On the basis of this fact we must conclude that church and state go together, but that they must travel apart if either is to go very far. They are parallel lines, and such lines never meet.

Romanism's plan was not derived from the minds of the people. It is the product of the hierarchy, and they have never tried to keep it secret.

The plan to destroy separation of church and state, as we have had it, was always evident in her practices. Did she not separate herself from us — Her children must have separate education.

Her persecution in other countries reveals her intentions here. She proudly claims that the church is the same over all the world and from century to century. Therefore, the church that persecutes Baptists in Spain and Columbia will persecute us in America if she ever gains mastery of the government.

In President Kennedy she has found a son who is too much for her to handle. His courage in opposing the hierarchy on separation of church and state is amazingly encouraging.

On the national level she sought first the fringe benefits and got them. Then she went for college grants and got them. Next she sued for bus transportation and got that where state laws allow it. Now it is for federal aid to all parochial schools throughout the nation. Her spokesmen have said they will not be satisfied with anything less than equal support with the public school systems. You know that it is now being fought to a finish in the halls of Congress.

The Baptists of the past recognized that this principle is a precious heritage, and they defended it with all their might. WHEN IS THE PRINCIPLE VIOLATED BY US? WHEN

IS THERE A SUBSIDY TO US? IT MAY BE IN the mailing permits we have accepted, the price supports our people enjoy, our chaplains who are paid by the government, or the tax-free status of some of our church and denominational properties. All these fields need a thorough examination, and if there is a subsidy in any of them we should correct it at once.

I would challenge Southern Baptists to do four things and get well:

1. Let us examine our own records, see what we owe the government, and pay it back before we start building anything else. Let us surrender the properties we have leased for a token, or else divorce the institutions that refuse to do so.

Let us determine this day that we will never again embarrass one another by accepting from public tax funds something that belongs to all the people. Let us decide once and for all that we will finance the Baptist portion of God's work with voluntary Baptist tithes and offerings instead of compulsory tax money extracted by legislation.

**Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., Layman**  
**Subject: Role of Christian Education**

As a Christian layman reviews conditions in the world today, it is not without grievous concern. On every hand there is evidence of lowering ethics, deteriorating morals, increased lawlessness, degeneration of the home and a contempt for basic honesty.

What is the answer to the problem of today's world? The Christian layman believes that it is in the propagation, the acceptance and the practice of Christianity.

The greatest single factor in to the propagation, the acceptance and the practice of Christianity is the Christian college. It is from the Christian college that come our preachers, our missionaries and other leaders in church related vocations. It is from our Christian colleges that should come a host of dedicated laymen and lay women who in their own lives will dedicate themselves to the propagation, the acceptance and the practice of the gospel.

FIRST of all, the Christian college should be distinctly Christian. If the Christian college is simply to be another educational institution, doing an identical job with a state university or a private non-sectarian endowed institution, its existence can scarcely be justified.

In the second place, the Christian college should be doctrinally sound. There is no place for aimlessness or lack of direction in our Christian colleges — they should not be weather vanes pointing whithersoever doctrinal winds may blow, but they should be a compass always pointing in the same direction and that toward the Bright and Morning Star!

In the third place, the Christian college and its faculty should be denominationally loyal. Admittedly, there will be a difference in Christian interpretation, in doctrine, in faith and practice of a college supported by Southern Baptists as contrasted to a college supported by some other denomination of contrasting belief.

No person has a right under the cloak of academic freedom to use a position in a Southern Baptist college to attack the denomination, to plant seeds of distrust in the minds of pupils regarding the denominational program, to undermine faith in the denomination's doctrine or to belittle the efforts of the denomination.

As laymen, as pastors and as educators we must renew our dedication and redouble our efforts to provide a quality of Christian education that will hasten the day when men shall know war no more, when the peace of God shall reign in the human heart, and when the brotherhood of man shall motivate parliaments of men to follow the Way of God.

**Dr. R. G. Lee, Pastor Emeritus, Bellevue Church, Memphis**

**Subject: Gratitude to God For God's Greatest Gift**

Not the grandeur of a virgin forest of pines where God has strung his harp of pines against the wind. Nor the glory of

"gorse flowers pouring an orange-scented tide of fragrance over the countryside." Nor the grandeur of sun, moon, and stars shining splendor.

But — the grandeur of a man who "counted all things but loss that he might know Jesus and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of Christ's suffering."

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls. If you weigh many today by their gratitude, you will find many ignoble people. The still small voice of gratitude, not often heard from many, is as loud in God's ears as a thunder clap to our ears.

God — the supreme fact of history, of science, of philosophy, of life, of death, of time, of eternity, of yesterday, of today, of tomorrow, of all forever, of this hour, of the ages, of the big, of the little.

Here is a single broken heart. Does God care? God who sows the heavens with cities of stars, who embroiders meadow carpets with flowers, is the God who binds up the broken hearts of men.

Here is one in sorrow. Does God care for that one mourner among millions of multitudes? "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 66:13).

God took delight in the praise unto Him given by the white-robed choir and the four thousand-instrument orchestra, in Solomon's Temple-dedication services. But he also was just as delighted with the publican's penitent plea.

Jesus Christ — verity of God's truth, beauty of God's holiness, purity of God's nature, wisdom of God's mind, reality of God's love, surety of God's nature, wisdom of God's mind, reality of God's love, surety of God's promises, majesty of God's power, authority of God's throne, pity of God's heart, repository of God's fullness, legacy of God's will, ocean of God's full and flowing rivers of grace — was "numbered with the transgressors," and crucified. This great Lord of Glory was "despised and rejected of men."

But what is God's grace? God's grace is the unlimited and unmerited favor of God to the utterly undeserving. This means that we receive the opposite of what we deserve.

**Dr. Leo Eddleman, Pres. New Orleans Seminary**

**Subject: Theological Education for our Time**

About one-fourth of all Protestant theological students in the United States enroll annually in the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The enrolling of over one-fourth of all Protestant theological students in the land constitutes no small responsibility on the part of the convention to all Christians everywhere, to the nation, to the world, to ourselves and to God.

Theological education was basic to national security long before the satellite age. It is a highly specialized form of training and in a sense is the most strategic. What is put in the seminaries today, will be in the churches tomorrow.

Therefore, the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention project a quality program, which maintains high intellectual standards and accreditation status.

At the same time the program of your seminaries is beamed to those most needing it and who are best prepared for it.

The strength and unity of the Southern Baptist Convention may stem in large measure from her historical emphasis upon theological education.

A primary function of theological education is to interpret the Word of God, to slough off the accretions of time and tradition and to ascertain as accurately as possible just what the Lord said when he spoke through the inspired writers of the Scriptures.

A preacher standing in a pulpit to instruct and admonish men and women who must one day die, concerning life, death, ethics and eternity is either the sheerest presumption or the sublimest function of which a human being is capable.

I am impelled more than ever to believe in a God-called ministry. It is a reality. Men of good believe in a God-called ministry. It is a reality. Men of good sense and high intelligence quotients are in the ministry today.

But as long as men present themselves to us saying, "We believe God has called us to preach," then we ought to make it possible for them to get a theological education and see to it that it is as good or better than they could secure anywhere in the world.

**Dr. Carl Bates, Pastor First Church, Charlotte**  
**Subject: "My Church reaching Out . . . That The World May Know Him"**

Those who are old enough to remember will recall that the twentieth century began in unbounded optimism.

The century is over half gone and it is an opportune time for us to pause, ask some basic questions, and do some honest thinking. Even casual observation indicates that the optimistic dreams of the political, scientific, and religious leaders have not come true and that many of our basic presuppositions need rethinking.

The world's multitudes stumble in the darkness.

If my church is to reach out, making Christ known, it must understand the time and the factors which relate to its existence in that time. I believe there are three basic factors in our time which we must understand before we can achieve our objective. We must understand that it is midnight for civilization. We must understand that it is also midday in the experience of the church. We must likewise determine whether or not we are characterized by "persistence."

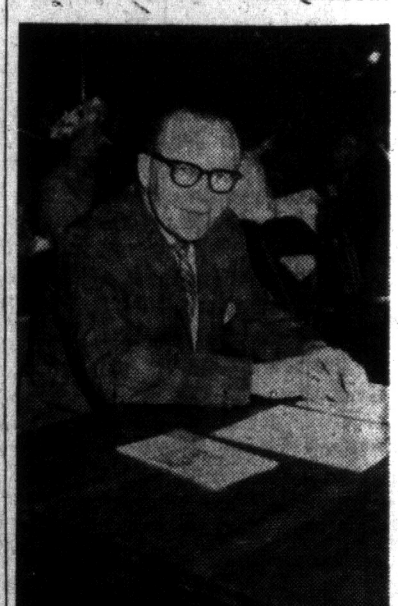
We live in a world that is torn and divided. There are problems so complex — distress so deep — until hearts fail from fear.

The midnight of the world has brought new and sharper focus upon the church. Against the dark background of the world's midnight, the church and its claims are as clearly seen as if the noonday sun were shining. The church is being submitted, as never before, to the critical gaze of an unbelieving world. Far more often than we realize, the world turns to us. They look at us in the hope that some contribution might come from us. For some it has been a bitter and frustrating experience. They looked eagerly and because of what they saw, they turned away.

I do not think we can save our consciences longer by any type of outreach which ignores these "anguish spots" of our culture and those of the whole world. The knock has come and we are not ready. No frantic "tucking in of our own" in this dark hour will suffice. We must find grace to admit what the world already knows.

The church must say something to "rock and roll," juvenile delinquents, the sex obsessed, the disinherited of this world, and to those who have a strange passion for conformity and anonymity. This is the persistency called for in the parable. The Gospel is an eternal gospel, wedded neither to vocabulary nor traditional category. First century Christians found a way to speak to the need of the time and it is incumbent upon the church in this hour to find a way or lose its chance in this hour.

We may be thankful that in this dark hour of the world's history we have the star of Christ, the Lord, by which to steer a course. In the dark night, that still shines. If we lose that we are lost indeed!



REV. MACK DOUGLAS, pastor of Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, general chairman of Arrangements Committee for the Convention, looks up from his desk for a picture for a Baptist Record staff photographer. Douglas is a native of Clinton, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Douglas.

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ST. LOUIS—Reports last week generally were excellent. They proved to present.

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## Boards

### Foreign Mission Board

Despite having to turn down many worthy goals for lack of funds, Southern Baptists experienced a year of advances. 1960 in all three global areas their foreign missions work. With the appointment of new missionaries in 1960, a record of 1480 foreign missionaries were under appointment or actually on the mission field in 45 countries of the world. The 1961 objective is appointment of 160 missionaries, a part of the long-range goal of 2,000 missionaries under appointment at the close of 1964—the climbing year of the Baptist Jubilee. Advance in Latin America; the Orient; in the area encompassing Africa, Europe, and Near East, forward steps were taken in publishing, educational work, and church extension during 1960. Southern Baptists are at work in countries in the western hemisphere, including the United States where a publishing house to produce religious materials in Spanish is located in El Paso.

### Sunday School Board

The 70th annual report of the Sunday School Board magnified the 18 programs into which the Board's work in 1960 was ranged. Following are the highlights: While all phases are important, the Board's ministries revolve around the program with the churches. They are designed to reach and train people to exalt Christ and the Word, and to enlist and train people in worship and the acceptance of responsibility. The Board helps provide channels of opportunity through which people may grow and serve; they magnify the Bible as "Christ." The Board now has total of 1,309 employees, 702 Nashville, 575 in the book stores, 25 at Ridgecrest, seven at Glorieta, and a number of part-time and temporary workers. A total of 1,490, book awards in the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training were issued to persons in 19,537 churches in 1,113 societies.

### Home Mission Board

Some reasons for Southern Baptists' shift from a regional to a national religious growth were revealed in the report of the Home Mission Board. A major share of the personnel and resources of the board are used in 30 states of the northern and western sections of the nation. Southern Baptists call this "pioneer" missions, since it is territory they have entered since the beginning of World War II. "We have 2335 churches in these states," announced Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary. Our missions division spends more than 62 per cent of its budget in this work.

### Annuity Board

Almost 34½ million has been paid to Southern Baptist pastors, church and denominational employees by the Annuity Board since its founding 43 years ago. Almost 2,750,000 of this sum was paid out in 1960, making it the largest sum ever disbursed in any one year by this Southwide agency. It was the biggest year of growth in the board's history.

## Commissions

### Brotherhood Commission

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But as long as men present themselves to us saying, "We believe God has called us to preach," then we ought to make it possible for them to get a theological education and see to it that it is as good or better than they could secure anywhere in the world.

**Dr. Carl Bates, Pastor First Church, Charlotte**

**Subject: "My Church reaching Out . . . That The World May Know Him"**

Those who are old enough to remember will recall that the twentieth century began in unbounded optimism.

The century is over half gone and it is an opportune time for us to pause, ask some basic questions, and do some honest thinking. Even casual observation indicates that the optimistic dreams of the political, scientific, and religious leaders have not come true and that many of our basic presuppositions need rethinking.

The world's multitudes stumble in the darkness. If my church is to reach out, making Christ known, it must understand the time and the factors which relate to its existence in that time. I believe there are three basic factors in our time which we must understand before we can achieve our objective. We must understand that it is midnight for civilization. We must understand that it is also midday in the experience of the church. We must likewise determine whether or not we are characterized by "persistence."

We live in a world that is torn and divided. There are problems so complex — distress so deep — until hearts fail from fear.

The midnight of the world has brought new and sharper focus upon the church. Against the dark background of the world's midnight, the church and its claims are as clearly seen as if the noonday sun were shining. The church is being submitted, as never before, to the critical gaze of an unbelieving world. Far more often than we realize, the world turns to us. They look at us in the hope that some contribution might come from us. For some it has been a bitter and frustrating experience. They looked eagerly and because of what they saw, they turned away.

I do not think we can save our consciences longer by any type of outreach which ignores these "anguish spots" of our culture and those of the whole world. The knock has come and we are not ready. No frantic "tucking in of our own" in this dark hour will suffice. We must find grace to admit what the world already knows. The church must say something to "rock and roll," juvenile delinquents, the sex obsessed, the disinherited of this world, and to those who have a strange passion for conformity and anonymity. This is the persistency called for in the parable. The Gospel is an eternal gospel, wedded neither to vocabulary nor traditional category. First century Christians found a way to speak to the need of the time and it is incumbent upon the church in this hour to find a way or lose its chance in this hour.

We may be thankful that in this dark hour of the world's history we have the star of Christ, the Lord, by which to steer a course. In the dark night, that still shines. If we lose that we are lost indeed!



**REV. MACK DOUGLAS**, pastor of Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, general chairman of Arrangements Committee for the Convention, looks up from his desk for a picture for a Baptist Record staff photographer. Douglas is a native of Clinton, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Douglas.

# SBC Reports Challenge

**ST. LOUIS**—Reports to the Convention in St. Louis last week generally were good with many of them excellent. They proved to be a challenge to the messengers present.

The reports are carried in full in the Book of Reports made available at the Convention.

A brief highlight of each report made is carried below:

## Boards

### Foreign Mission Board

Despite having to turn down many worthy goals for lack of funds, Southern Baptists experienced a year of advances in 1960 in all three global areas of their foreign missions work. With the appointment of 137 new missionaries in 1960, a record of 1480 foreign missionaries were under appointment or actually on the mission fields in 45 countries of the world. The 1961 objective is appointment of 160 missionaries, a part of the long-range goal of 2,000 missionaries under appointment at the close of 1964—the climaxing year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. In Latin America; in the Orient; in the area encompassing Africa, Europe, and the Near East, forward steps were taken in publishing, education, medical work, and church extension during 1960. Southern Baptists are at work in 15 countries in the western hemisphere, including the United States where a publishing house to produce religious materials in Spanish is located (in El Paso).

### Sunday School Board

The 70th annual report of the Sunday School Board magnifies the 18 programs into which the Board's work in 1960 was arranged. Following are the highlights: While all phases are important, the Board's ministry revolves around the programs with the churches. They are designed to reach and teach people to exalt Christ and his Word, and to enlist and train people in worship and the acceptance of responsibility. The Board helps provide channels of opportunity through which people may grow and serve as they magnify the Bible and Christ. The Board now has a total of 1,309 employees, 702 in Nashville, 575 in the book stores, 25 at Ridgecrest, and seven at Glorieta, and a number of part-time and temporary workers. A total of 1,490,139 book awards in the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training were issued to persons in 19,537 churches in 1,113 associations.

### Home Mission Board

Some reasons for Southern Baptists' shift from a regional to a national religious group were revealed in the report of the Home Mission Board. A major share of the personnel and resources of the board are used in 30 states of the northern and western sections of the nation. Southern Baptists call this "pioneer" missions, since it is territory they have entered since the beginning of World War II. "We have 2335 churches in these states," announced Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary. Our missions division spends more than 62 per cent of its budget in this work.

### Annuity Board

Almost 34½ million has been paid to Southern Baptist pastors, church and denominational employees by the Annuity Board since its founding 43 years ago. Almost 2,750,000 of this sum was paid out in 1960, making it the largest sum ever disbursed in any one year by this Southwide agency. 1960 was the biggest year of growth in the board's history.

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and solutions found in God's word. The weekly audience is roughly five million. Other programs are the Spanish Baptist Hour, Chapel Upstairs, a devotional program and the International Sunday School Lessons.

### Stewardship Commission

The Stewardship Commission made its first report as an agency of the Convention. It became fully operative as a separate agency Jan. 1, 1961. Dr. Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, executive director, said the new agency works in three areas — (1) Cooperative Program promotion, (2) stewardship development and (3) endowment and capital giving promotion. It recommended that the 1961 convention reaffirm its conviction that the Cooperative Program "is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support."

### Historical Commission

One of the major activities of the Convention's Historical Commission is that of securing valuable Baptist history materials on microfilm. "The commission continues to secure microfilm prints of rare primary source material for history writers when originals are unavailable. Two major microfilm projects of this nature were launched in 1960."

### Education Commission

New Baptist colleges are going up, college presidents are looking for qualified teachers, enrollments in Baptist schools have reached a record high—these developments were reported by the Education Commission. Southern Baptists operate six seminaries, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, 31 senior colleges, 20 junior colleges, seven academies and five Bible schools.

### Christian Life Commission

The Christian Life Commission told the 1961 Convention it moved through a period of change last year, but continues to progress with its emphasis on applied Christianity. Dr. Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary, became the Commission's top administrator when Dr. A. C. Miller retired in 1960. "Believing that there is an adequate biblical basis for this emphasis and that an imperative command to action is inherent in the gospel message, the commission worked as extensively as its budget would permit in helping Southern Baptists to come to a better understanding of the practical aspects of the Christian faith," Valentine stated.

## Seminaries

### Midwestern Seminary

Midwestern Seminary held its first commencement exercise May 12, according to President Millard J. Berquist's report. Cumulative enrollment for degree students for the school, according to Berquist, was 326 compared with 295 a year ago. The students are working toward bachelor of divinity degrees. In non-degree work, there were 16 enrolled compared with but one student the year before.

### Golden Gate

Golden Gate Seminary reported to the 1961 Convention it held its second graduating class—for almost 90—on its new campus this April. The new campus is on Strawberry Point near Mill Valley, Calif., north of Golden Gate Bridge. Until two years ago the school was located in Berkeley, Calif.

### Southeastern Seminary

Southeastern Seminary, located at Wake Forest, N. C., is in its 10th year of operation. The seminary offers the bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees to graduates coming from colleges to take additional study. It also has a certificate program for non-college students. In 1960, there were 200 graduates. Cumulative enrollment for the school year was 790 which was 31 fewer than for the year before, according to the president.

### Southern Seminary

The Southern Seminary described new frontiers which are part of its future. Its heritage

has been one of pioneering, according to Seminary President Duke K. McCall of Louisville. "It has frequently broken new ground, not only for Southern Baptists but also for others," he added.

### New Orleans Seminary

A 370,000 student apartment building containing 35 one-bedroom apartments will be completed by the opening of the fall session. The structure, to be named Willingham Manor in honor of R. J. Willingham, executive secretary of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board from 1893-1914, will be three-story, all steel and masonry.

### Southwestern Seminary

In the 52nd year of its history, 1960-61, Southwestern Seminary graduated its largest number of students. The total number enrolled in the 1960-61 session was 2280. These included 1361 in the school of theology, 772 in the school of religious education, and 147 in the school of church music. Total enrollment in 1959-60 was 2,394 and in 1958-59 was 2,395.

### Carver School of Missions

An accrediting team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited the Carver School of Missions and Social Work campus in April. "The team visit does not automatically insure recognition, but it is believed that there is a good possibility of recognition as a professional school by the Southern Association," President Nathan C. Brooks Jr. of Louisville reported. Some word may come in December, 1961.

### Seminary Extension Dept.

The Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Seminary announced its readiness to provide training for 5,000 new pastors who must help meet the need created by the Convention's movement to establish 30,000 new churches and missions. These are men who will not have had opportunity to go to colleges and seminaries, according to the department's report to the 1961 session at St. Louis.

## Committees

### Committee on State Baptist Papers

The St. Louis Convention, at

Thursday, June 1, 1961

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**NEW MISSIONARIES** commissioned during the Wednesday night Foreign Mission Board emphasis gathered on stage for special recognition. The 61 new appointees bring the total serving the Board to 1,517.

the request of its Committee on State Baptist Papers, approved a circulation goal for them by 1964 of 1 3/4 million. Their present circulation, as reported by Committee Chairman Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, is 1,465,471. During the year since the last report, the 28 papers (most of them weeklies) increased over 50,000 circulation total.

### Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee

Southern Baptist churches were reminded by Convention action at St. Louis of the 1962 emphasis throughout America on church extension. It is a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in which 20 million Baptists in the United States and Canada have a part. The Convention urged each of its more than 32,000 cooperating churches to hold watchnight prayer services on Dec. 31 for the 1962 emphasis.

### Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation

Southern Baptists were again asked to stress the development of indigenous Baptist work in Canada, in preference to churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. The request, emphasizing for the third straight year a policy adopted in 1958, was made to the Southern Baptist Convention in session at St. Louis by its com-

mittee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation.

## Agencies

### Hospitals

Convention messengers learned their hospital in New Orleans, retired its mortgage indebtedness last year. A sister Convention-operated hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., will achieve this in 1971. The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, considerably older than Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, engages in an extensive education program. Its Mather School of Nursing enrolled 140 student nurses during the year. In other medical education, the two hospitals provided training for 27 medical residents, 34 medical interns, nine laboratory technicians, 19 x-ray technicians and six full-time students in the department of pastoral care.

### Foundation

The Southern Baptist Foundation, the Convention's investment agency, told the Convention that in 1960 it received the highest rate of return on invested funds in the Foundation's history. Interest yields ranged from 2.85 per cent on agency funds which the Foundation only services (over which it has no choice of investment) to 6.86 per cent on other funds where the Foundation may select the places to invest money.

## Related Groups

### Woman's Missionary Union

"The Jubilee years are bringing forth many encouraging advances in Woman's Missionary Union work," Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Ala., told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Hunt is executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC. Miss Hunt stated that WMU gave particular attention in 1959-60 to leadership training, the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis for that year. A leadership course to be completed individual or class study was developed for Woman's Missionary Society (adult age group in WMU) members. Courses for leadership of WMU youth organizations were revised. There was a tremendous response to these, the executive secretary noted.

### Baptist World Alliance

Baptists of the world are "talking with each other with more understanding and respect than ever before," a Baptist World Alliance leader told Southern Baptists at their annual convention here. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said that the fellowship and harmony now being evidenced among various North American Baptist groups is characteristic of Baptists internationally as well.

### Public Affairs Committee

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is the agency which the Southern Baptist Convention has developed in cooperation with other Baptist bodies in America to implement the Baptist witness in a responsible denominational manner in the area of religious liberty and separation of church and state. The Public Affairs Committee of the Convention does its work as a part of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The joint committee, offices in Washington, D. C., is authorized to "act in the field of public affairs," to make pronouncements, and to take positions on church-state problems.

### American Seminary Commission

L. S. Sedberry, executive secretary, reported his forthcoming retirement in his annual agency report. His home and the seminary are located in Nashville.

He reported during 1960-61 school year 75 students attended the seminary on-campus while another 71 students took extension courses. This was two fewer students on-campus than the previous year, but the number of extension course students increased by 51. (The seminary is joint project of the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.)

# WMU Hears Dramatic Call For 'Mass Bombing'



**IN TOP PHOTO** the 75th anniversary of the organization of Sunbeams was depicted in a pageant presented at WMU Convention in St. Louis last week. In picture below are seen the officers for the coming year as elected last week. From left: Mrs. E. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas, president; Mrs. L. S. Casazza, Washington, D. C., chairman of nominating committee; Mrs. Robert Fling, Seminole, Okla., recording secretary, and Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Executive Secretary, (all re-elected).

**ST. LOUIS**—The more than 3000 women, many of them from Mississippi, who attended the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, held here last week, heard a call for "mass bombing" by the man who, hours later, was elected as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist genius for starting churches also threaded itself through a program of international design at sessions of the organization here preceding the Southern Baptist Convention.

The women heard speakers tell of new churches in such scattered areas as Japan, Africa, the Philippines, South America, Hawaii, and the United States.

The WMU, a prayer and fund raising arm for mission causes, helped raise more than \$10 million last year for foreign and home missions, according to Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, executive secretary.

Re-elected at the sessions were Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president; Mrs. Robert Fling of Seminole, Okla., recording secretary, and Miss Hunt, executive secretary. The vice-presidents are the presidents of the state WMU organizations. Mrs. J. T. Lyons of McComb is the vice-president from Mississippi.

The vice-president of tiny Liberia on the west coast of Africa W. R. Tolbert, expressed his hope that all men might enjoy respect, common decency, individual freedom, liberty, and justice.

"With feelings of disgust and chagrin I think about the independent nation of South Africa, whose contemptuous, diabolical apartheid policy denies the teeming majority of its depressed and suppressed peoples human respect, common decency, individual freedom, liberty, and justice."

He called the practice a great threat to the peace and security not only of the African continent but to the entire world.

Tolbert paid tribute to Christian missions, especially the education brought to his country. Liberia was founded in 1822 when freed United States slaves established a colony.

Tolbert, a Baptist, is a vice-president in the Baptist World Alliance, the international organization of Baptists. The president of Liberia, William Tubman, is a Methodist lay minister.

### "Mass Bombing" Call

A call to soften the world's population for the message of Christianity by "mass bombing" was issued by Southern Baptists' Baptist Hour speaker and new convention president.

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Church of Oklahoma City, said, "By means of mass communication we can so preach the gospel to the multitudes as to make the missionary's work more effective."

Hobbs suggested Baptists add radio, television, and the printing press to their present program.

"The military strategist knows that to have an objective you must first 'soften it up' by mass bombing," he added. "If men use such methods to sell gadgets and to achieve military victory, surely we should do so."

He said such methods would not mean less missionaries and did not call for a reversal of strategy. "An army does not take an objective from the air," he stated. "It weakens the enemy's will to resist, so that the ground troops can achieve the objective. By means of mass communication we can so preach the gospel to the multitudes as to make the missionary's work more effective."

### Canadian Baptist Speaks

"We must turn our opposition into opportunities," Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Canada, suggested to the WMU delegates.

Mrs. Bates, a dean of women at McMaster University and chairman of the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance, cited instances of op-

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## Southern Baptist Organization

The Southern Baptist Convention has just held its annual session in St. Louis. As we think of this meeting, it may be well to again state the plan whereby Baptists organize themselves into associations and conventions. There are many among us who do not understand the principles upon which these organizations are based.

There is no Southern Baptist Church except as that term relates to a specific local church organization. It is proper to speak of the Methodist denomination as the Methodist Church, but this is not true of Baptists. Every Baptist church is independent and the conventions and associations are "of churches" and not "a church."

Some people have the concept that district associations are made of churches, state conventions are made up of associations, and the Southern Baptist Convention is made up of state conventions. While all of these groups work together, and there is a sense in which such relationship exists, in actuality it is not true, for all of the larger organizations are related directly to the churches. District associations are composed of messengers from the churches, state conventions are composed of messengers from the churches, and the Southern Baptist Convention is composed of messengers of the churches. While this may seem to some to be a peculiar or unusual form of organization it is the form which prevails among Southern Baptists.

The Baptist Encyclopedia, (Page 148-149) says "It should be noted that the denomination is the creation of the churches. Its continued existence is determined by the desire of the churches to maintain it. Participation in the affairs of the denomination by any church is voluntary. The church may identify itself with the denomination or withdraw such identification. The church may co-operate with any program of the denomination or refuse to co-operate. On the other hand the denomination is not required to recognize any specific church as a part of its constituency, and may indeed withdraw its fellowship from a church previously so recognized."

"Thus the Southern Baptist Convention, while made up of voluntary cooperating churches, has a life of its own which is the result of that measure of the Christian witness delegated to it by the churches and the resources for Christian witnessing delegated to it."

In such organizations there is no authority over any church. Many non-Baptists marvel that anything can be accomplished when there is no central authority. The explanation is that Baptist churches follow the New Testament plan of voluntary cooperation with one another in the support of kingdom enterprises under the leadership of Christ. Working thus together in various organizations they support programs, establish mission work, and own institutions. The organizations can and do own and control these agencies and institutions, but are themselves controlled by the churches which support them. The churches themselves are completely autonomous.

This is the Southern Baptist plan of organization and work. We consider it both Scriptural and effective. Through it Southern Baptists have achieved the broad reach of Christian witness they have today, and through it they shall continue an ever expanding witness to meet growing world need.

## Praying for the Dead

In his Memorial Day Proclamation (Baptist Record, May 4) President John F. Kennedy called upon the people of the United States to observe the day "by invoking the blessing of God on those who have died in defense of their country." This means, of course, that people were requested to "pray for the dead."

There are many promises in the Bible concerning prayer, and many revelations concerning the dead, but there is not a single command or reference to "praying for the dead." The idea that prayers of the living can "aid those who are dead" or deliver them from a "purgatorial state," is utterly foreign to the Scriptures. There is neither command or example by our Lord, the apostles or other New Testament Christians, nor is there a single verse in the entire Bible which warrants such prayers.

We can and should remember those who have died for us, and hold their memories in sacred, honored respect. We cannot pray for them. Their destinies were determined by what they did with Jesus Christ during their life time. All the prayers of all the worlds Christians could not change that condition after they died.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Take Warning

Leon Macon in The Alabama Baptist

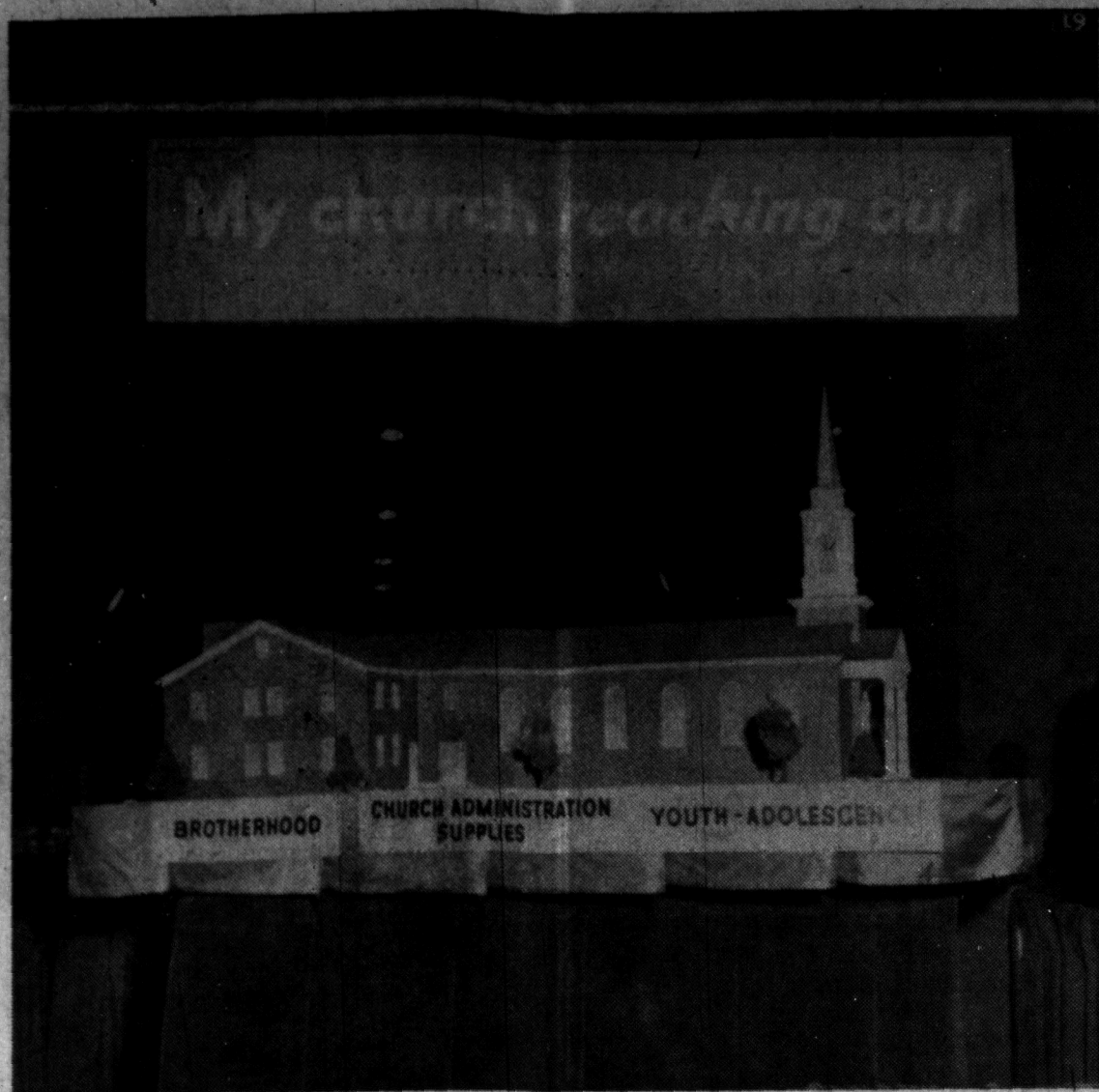
An editorial in The Birmingham Post-Herald for April 19, 1961, gives a timely warning to our people. The editorial is entitled, "Supervised Sin" and tells of a suburban Philadelphia civic-social organization, The Rose Valley Folk, voting to approve supervised drinking at group-sponsored dances for teen-agers. A teen-ager is considered here as one who has graduated from high school. They take the stand that it is better to supervise drinking among these youth than for them to drink to excess elsewhere.

This editorial makes the following comment: Reducing this to absurdity, why not get up a real brawl? Why not a duel with switchblade knives, hub-cap stealing, or, say a lively crap game? After all, some of them might go elsewhere, etc."

This civic organization is composed largely of professional people and it does seem they would have more gumption than to endorse drinking for young people or anybody else. Our greatest problem in America is not external threats but is the internal moral decay which we see everywhere. The professional people of any community usually furnish our leaders and if we do not get men and women into moral leadership in our land, the death knell of America could possibly be already sounded.

These people evidently are thinking out of the darkness of sin and cannot see that at the roots of delinquency for both young people and adults, is the drinking of intoxicating beverages. The actual drinking of these liquors is not the total cause, for liquor parties spread immorality of other kinds.

We have been basing our pleas for better behaviour in America on the moral expectations of God, these pleas continue to be based upon this foundation and now we plead for the salvation and defense of America on the same basis. We cannot sustain democracy with drunkards and other forms of delinquency.



THE CHURCH REACHING OUT was the theme of an exhibit seen by many last week in the Exhibit Area at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.—Baptist Record staff photo.

## New Books

**THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION** by Robert G. Torbet (The Judson Press, 96 pp., \$1.00)

A brief study course on the history of the Protestant Reformation. Reveals the background, the developments, the leadership, the principals, and the results of the reformation movement both in the countries of the continent and also in England. Concise, accurate material, which should prove very interesting to read and study. The closing section gives suggestions for group study and questions for discussion.

**HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES** by Frank S. Mead, Second Revised Edition (Abingdon, 272 pp., \$2.95)

Revised edition of this handbook which presents the history, doctrines, organizations and present status of over 280 religious denominations in the United States. An invaluable sourcebook which will be used again and again. Should be in pastor's libraries, and should be of special value in church libraries. The material is concise but thorough and accurate. For example there are twenty large two-column pages on

Baptists and facts are given about 28 Baptist groups. Tables in the back give latest denominational statistics and other valuable material.

**DEAR DOCTOR: I HAVE A PROBLEM** by M. R. DeHaan (Radio Bible Class, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 273 pp., \$3.00)

The world renowned teacher of the Radio Bible Class of Grand Rapids, Mich., prints the answers he has given to some of the questions his listeners have asked him. There are 418 questions listed under 17 general classifications. There are, for example, eleven questions about the Bible, seven about Christ, and ninety seven about puzzling New Testament passages. The answers are clear and Bible based.

**PROCLAIMING THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** by Herschel H. Hobbs (Baker Book House, 134 pp., \$2.50)

First of a new series planned to lead to chapter by chapter study of the New Testament. This volume on Matthew is by the well known Southern Baptist pastor, preacher and au-

thor, Herschel H. Hobbs. Each chapter of the book covers a chapter of the Bible. Each study is divided into five sections, namely, Historical Setting; Expository Meaning; Doctrinal Value; Practical Aim and Homeletic Form. A practical sermon outline on the chapter is given. While limited in scope, the book should prove helpful to many preachers and Bible students.

**THE CROSS THROUGH THE OPEN TOMB** by Donald Grey Barnhouse (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 152 pp., \$3.00)

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse's golden preaching voice was stilled by death in the fall of 1960, but his gigantic ministry will live, on because so many of his messages were put in books. This newest one, published after his death, presents Jesus Christ the Saviour as seen through the meaning of the resurrection. Here is good preaching, clear in exposition, rich in illustration and forceful in application. There are 18 sermons in four general subject divisions; Risen From the Tomb; The Person of the Living Christ; The Grace of the Living Christ; and The Marks of a Saint.

## The Baptist Forum

### The Question of Inactive Members

Dear Dr. Odle:

I would like to take issue with a Guest Editorial that appeared in The Baptist Record April 6, 1961. The one referred to was by Jack L. Gritz in The Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

Mr. Gritz was highly critical of the Central Baptist Church of Quincy, Illinois, or any other Baptist Church of similar action, and could only wish that all Baptist Churches would get back to some sort of disciplinary action against rebellious, worldly, and uncontrolled church members. It would not be as much of a sin against them or the church to remove their name from an active status as it would be to leave them, thus allowing them to do as they please, even to the lying with excuses every time someone contacts them on behalf of the church. They could be restored to full fellowship when they came back and asked for it. The church should forgive "seventy times seven."

We also need to be consistent in our thinking. A Baptist Association will remove a church from its roll after a period of time when it shows no sign of cooperation whatsoever. I am in favor of this also, as I honestly believe Mr. Gritz would be toward a church that would act toward an association like some members do toward their church. There is no difference in the principle. Both the association and the local church has the prerogative to act as each sees fit and deems necessary for the best

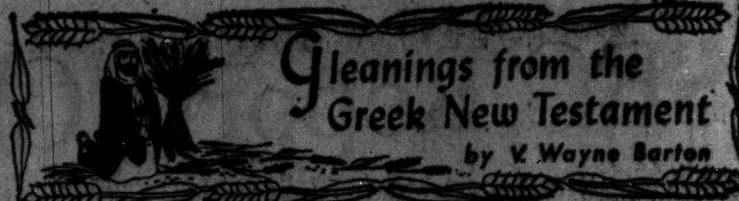
interest of its body. Surely Baptist Churches are still autonomous, and such action as Central Baptist Church has taken should not merit criticism through the medium of the press, and certainly not through the press of our Baptist Periodicals.

I say we have lost something by leaning over backward too far in this matter of church discipline. Maybe our forefathers leaned too far in the opposite direction, and took action too hastily sometimes, but we are overlooking too much that our church members are getting away with now. We are admonished to "revere" the Church.

There is no offense meant whatsoever toward Mr. Gritz or The Baptist Record in my taking issue with this article that appeared on April 6. Good solid discussion of these things are what have made Southern Baptists strong. If we ever lose the prerogative for that as individuals, a lot will be lost for future generations and the right for individual churches to act as the local body sees fit for the best interest of itself.

Yours sincerely,  
John E. Barrow, Pastor  
St. Joseph Baptist Church  
St. Joseph, Louisiana

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction continued to show a slight downturn during April, the U. S. Census Bureau reported here. Construction was estimated at \$73,000,000 for the month, a decline of \$3,000,000 from the same month in 1960. This was



## The Servant God

Was Jesus just putting on an act? Was it merely a show when he took "the form of a servant" (Phil. 2:7)? And when he took the towel and basin and washed the disciples' feet (John 13:4-5)?

Perhaps so, if you take the word form to have that meaning. But there is evidence to the contrary. For the word morphé, translated "form,"

has reference not just to the outer appearance but to the inner reality.

In the drama of God's self-disclosure Jesus assumed a role, indeed. But it was a role which was consonant with his very nature. Occasionally we hear about an actor today who has high character and moral standards and who refuses a role on stage or screen because it is alien to his nature. There were many in Jesus' day who wanted him to play other roles than those which he elected to play. Some wanted him to be a military messiah, to establish a kingdom on earth. But this was a role which he refused to play, for it was alien to his nature to do so (John 6:15).

So, in the revelation of God through Jesus, it is evident that God is a servant God. His servant nature is not a mirage abstracted from the souls of the oppressed. It is simply his nature to be a servant. Hence, we must accept him as servant and ourselves therefore as servants in his image, else we can not accept him at all.

## Pages From The Past

By J. L. ROYD, Sr.

### 60 Years Ago

The New Albany Church closed a "very gracious meeting" of days which resulted in twenty-five additions to the membership. Pastor E. E. Thornton was assisted by Rev. W. A. McComb of Crystal Springs doing the preaching and Prof. J. A. Bell of Poplar Springs leading the song services.

### 50 Years Ago

The Columbia St. (Main Street) church of Hattiesburg, Pastor E. D. Solomon doing the preaching, closed a great meeting with 51 additions, 32 of them by experience and baptism. "One of the Deacons" reporting.

### 40 Years Ago

Pastor J. F. Tull reports 86 additions to the Baptist church in New Albany, 57 of them by baptism, during an eleven-day revival meeting in which Rev. W. M. Bostick did the preaching. (42 joined the Methodist church, 11 the Presbyterian and six the Christian (Campbellite) church.)

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### 25 Years Ago

Pastor Silas B. Cooper of the Calvary Church, Tupelo, had Rev. Glen Eric Wiley of Tampa, Fla., to assist him in their revival meeting which resulted in 45 additions to the church roll.

A graphic story of the storm at Tupelo on a Sunday night in April, 1936, is published in the April 30, 1936 issue of the Record, page 15.

## Calendar of Prayer

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June 7 — L. L. Farmer, Jr., Baptist Student Director, Mississippi Southern College; Allan R. Fuller, Mississippi College faculty.

June 8 — Charles Young, Union associational Sunday school superintendent; W. C. Young, William Carey College faculty.

June 9 — Altie Grubb, Hinds County Missions; Mrs. Linnie Temple, Baptist Building.

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So, in the revelation of God through Jesus, it is evident that God is a servant God. His servant nature is not a mirage abstracted from the souls of the oppressed. It is simply his nature to be a servant. Hence, we must accept him as servant and ourselves therefore as servants in his image, else we can not accept him at all.

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Attendance upon the sessions at this year's Convention was about average, with the largest crowd, as usual, present on Wednesday night, when the Foreign Mission Board report was given.

Final registration figure was 11,600. When the Convention meets in Detroit in 1966, it will be the farthest north the body has ever met.

## Other Officers Elected

Other officers elected included Dr. Herschel Ford, of El Paso, Texas, second vice-president, and the following officers reelected:

Dr. James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga., and Dr. Joe W. Burton, Nashville, secretaries, and Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, treasurer.

The only Mississippian delivering a message on the Convention program was Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman, who spoke on "The Role of the Christian College from a Layman's Point of View."

The message was so well received that the Convention voted to have the message reproduced and sent to all school administrative and staff personnel throughout the Convention.

Named to the Committee on Committees for this year's Convention was Dr. S. R. Woodson, of Columbus. Also placed on this year's committee on Time, Place and Preacher was Rev. Carey Cox, of Brandon.

## Mississippians on Boards

Mississippians renamed to the Convention's standing committees included Dr. H. L. Spencer, Jackson, Denominational Calendar; Rev. Joe Abrams, Clinton, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Baptist Jubilee Advance, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, Denominational Papers.

New trustees named were Southern Seminary, Dr. G. Norman Price, Jackson; Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Leroy Green, Prentiss; Historical Commission, Rev. T. R. McKibben, Laurel; and Southern Seminary, Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs.

Those elected to a second three-year term on one of the boards were: Southern Seminary, Rev. Van H. Hardin, Moss Point; Southern Baptist Hospital, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Jackson; Foundation, D. B. Roark, Yazoo City; Christian Life Commission, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; Radio-TV Commission, Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg.

**Nelson a Teller**  
Acting as one of the tellers was Arthur L. Nelson, Jackson, who also was one of the principal speakers at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Association of Business Managers.

Dr. G. Norman Price, Jackson, was elected as secretary of the Alumni Association of Southern Seminary. Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, was elected as secretary of the Radio-TV Commission. The new secretary of the New Orleans Seminary Alumni Association is Dr. Landrum P. Leavell, Gulfport.

Dr. Foy Rogers of Jackson was elected as vice-president of the state directors of Schools of Missions.

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**Cautions Against Haste**  
Always bringing his discussion back to the Bible, the new Baptist leader cautioned against haste in trying to solve the current racial strife.

"I want to accomplish the same things that most others want," he said. "It's a matter of how it should be done. If given more time it will be accomplished. To do otherwise is to hurt what has been done."

"Where an explosive situation exists, we should use the same caution that we would use in dealing with explosives."

A native of Alabama, he said the tension created in Birmingham and other major cities in that state by the Freedom Riders was evidence of peculiar problems inherent in the South.

"There are conditions in Alabama that are quite different than Oklahoma," he said. "The problems must be worked out on a local level and in the light of Christian doctrine."

On President Kennedy, Hobbs said, "He's my president. He deserves our prayers and support . . . and needs our prayers more than any president in his lifetime."

## Praises Kennedy's Stand

He praised Kennedy's stand resisting Roman Catholic pressure for federal aid to parochial schools.

"The President has taken a stand that couldn't be taken better by a Baptist," he said. "It's a position where Baptists have stood for years and we welcome him to this position, and as long as he stands there, I am for him."

Asked about Baptists' refusal to cooperate with other religious groups in ecumenical universal movements, he said: "Baptists are the most broad-minded of all groups because we believe that all groups have a right to their beliefs."

"Southern Baptists have always been cooperative with other denominations where we do not have to sacrifice a principle or basic teaching," he said. "We cooperate in the realm of morals such as the anti-liquor movement. Other denominations often choose not to cooperate with Baptists."

"I am not personally one who believes in ecumenicalism. I do not believe that is the solution," he said. "I do not believe that Southern Baptists are thinking in terms of joining other groups but are ready to sit down and talk with other groups."

Dr. Hobbs was born Oct. 24, 1907 at Talladega Springs, Ala. He has been pastor of the huge Oklahoma church for 14 years. A graduate of Howard College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he has also pastored churches in Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana. He is the author of numerous books and articles and has served on several denominational boards and agencies.

ious Convention-related organizations included:

**Pastor's Conference** — Dr. Carl Bates, Charlotte, N. C., president; Dr. W. Morris Ford, Longview, Tex., vice president; and Ray McCollum, North Hollywood, Calif., secretary-treasurer.

## Music Conference

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**Religious Education Conference** — J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, president; Russel Noel, vice president for church workers; Harold Marsh, Montgomery, Ala., vice president for field workers; J. B. Nichols, Mill Valley, Calif., vice president for teachers; and Miss Gracie Knowlton, Ft. Worth, Tex., secretary-treasurer.

**Ministers' Wives Conference** — Mrs. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, president; Mrs. Harold K. Graves, Mill Valley, Calif., vice president; Mrs. Edgar M. Arendall, Birmingham, Ala., secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, Tenn., corresponding secretary.

Presiding over most of the sessions and delivering the keynote address was President Ramsey Pollard, of Memphis.

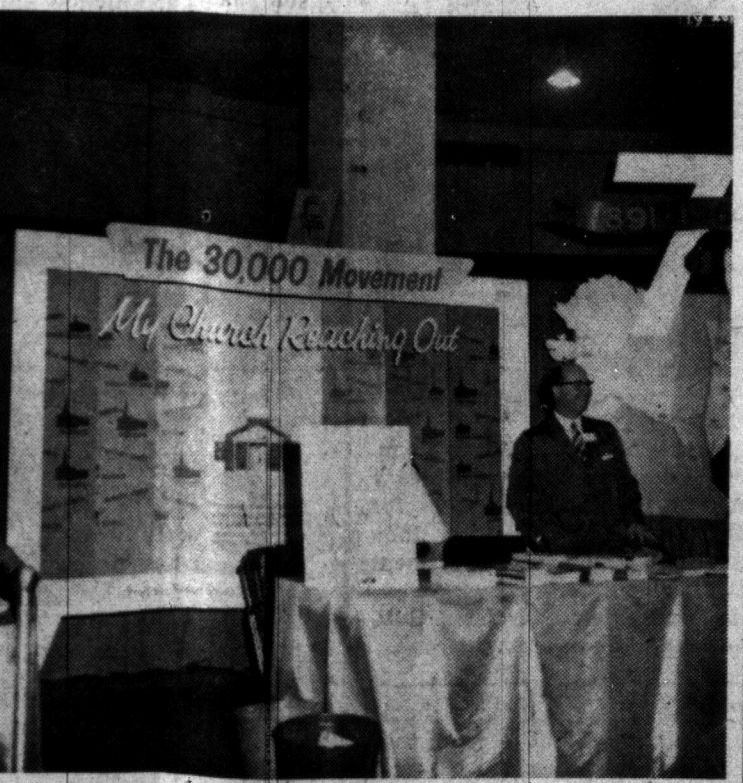
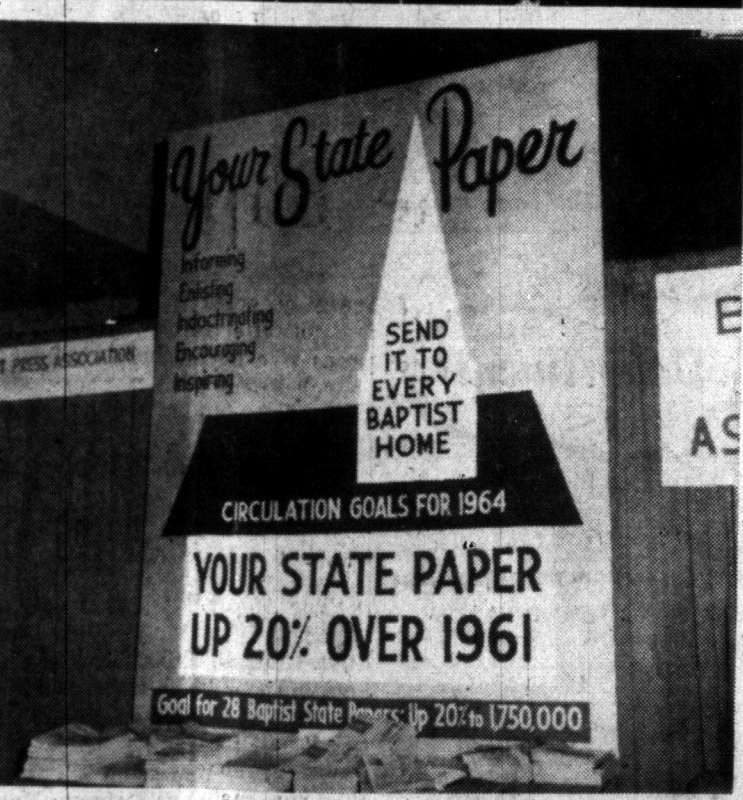
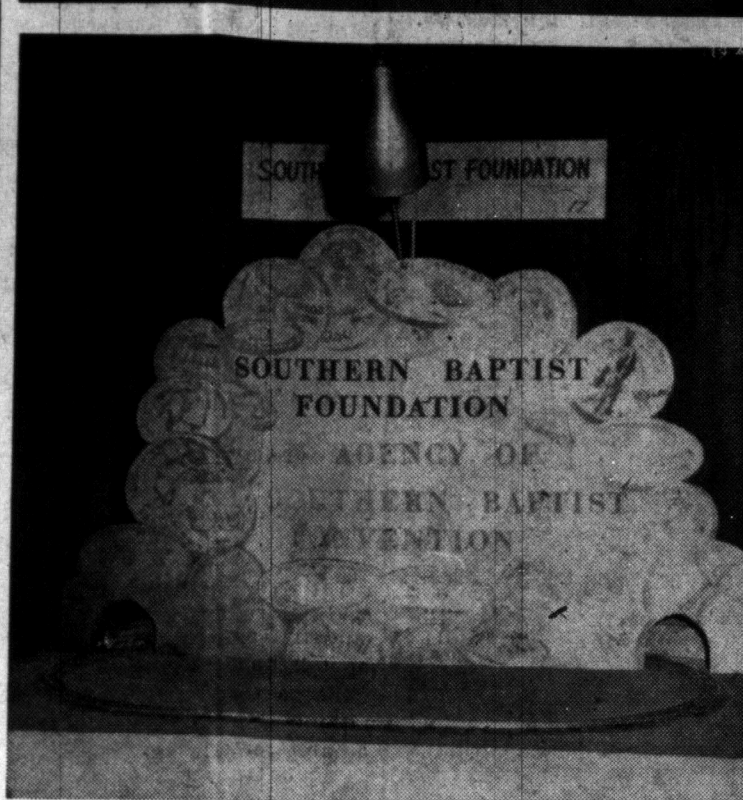
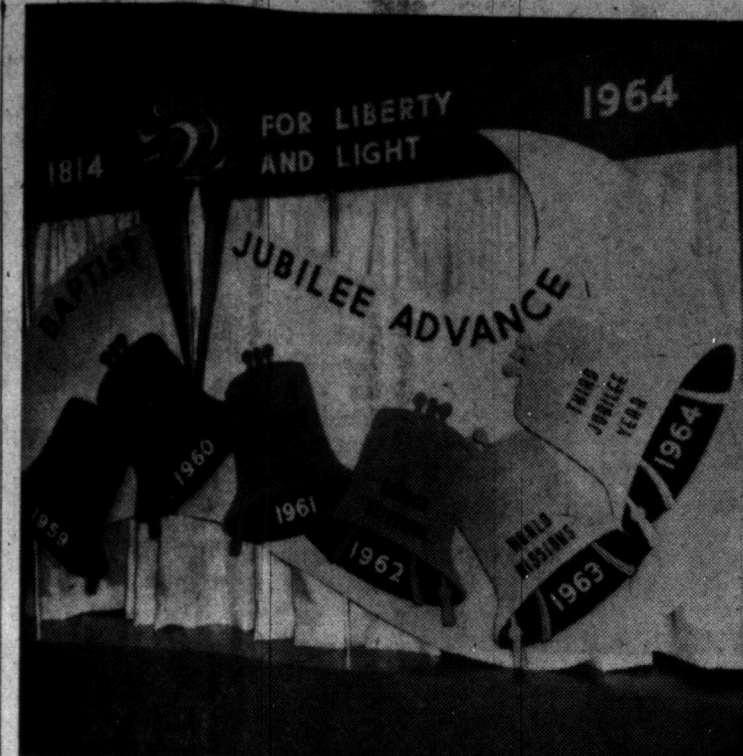


EXHIBIT AREA—Exposition Hall at the Convention last week in St. Louis was well-filled with exhibits of many phases of Convention work, several of which are pictured here.—Baptist Record staff photo.

## WMU Hears

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position which Baptists face throughout the world.

She spoke in place of John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, president of the Baptist World Alliance, who was unable to attend because of illness.

A Georgia evangelist recounted his journey of faith, a trip that carried him from Orthodox Jewry, to agnosticism, alcoholism, and finally Christianity.

Don Brandeis of Atlanta studied eight years to become a rabbi. Later he entered the Navy, where he was one of five in a crew of 175 who escaped the explosion of a ship carrying nitro-glycerin.

"I turned agnostic," he said. "As a sailor I began to drink, and in college I drank as much as two quarts a day."

He became an alcoholic and was imprisoned for a minor offense, but there he was converted. He became a Baptist "because every Jew knows that when you speak of baptism you are speaking of immersion."

## Churches Everywhere

The emphasis on the local church reflects the basic philosophy of Southern Baptist mission work. Dr. Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, reported. He announced that more than 12,000 churches and missions have been started in the past five years.

Other speakers accented his words. A missionary to Brazil, Miss Anna Mae Wollerman of Pine Bluff, Ark., told of penetrating the forest in the Sao Lourenco River Valley where the government's colonization program has moved many families to Jaciara.

Mrs. Howard Olive of Bolivar, Mo., and missionary to the Philippines, said the Aurora Hill Baptist Church in Baguio City started when a man pleaded, "Please sirs, please ma'am, come and start Bible classes and services in our place."

## New England Penetration

Southern Baptist penetration into the northeastern region of the United States has placed a church in every state in the New England area, according to Paul S. James of New York City, pastor of the Manhattan Baptist Church.

The denomination had left this area entirely to other Baptist groups until four years ago, when the Manhattan Church was organized. James called the starting of this church "historic, because the world's largest Baptist body had a beachhead within the shadow of the world's tallest building, at the vortex of the world's largest concentration of cities, and at the gateway to New England."

He cited the chain-like reaction which resulted from the starting of other churches, some which now have four missions.

Redford announced that "to be as well-churches from a Baptist standpoint as the state of North Carolina the region needs 30,000 churches."

A dramatic presentation utilizing elaborate staging and costumed actors commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Sunbeam Band, a missionary organization of the WMU for children through eight years of age.

Actually the Sunbeams got a head start on Woman's Missionary Union, which wasn't organized until 1888. By 1889 there were 284 bands with almost 10,000 members, and the organization had spread to mission fields in Africa, South America, and the Orient.

Continuing to grow, the Sunbeams now number more than 300,000 boys and girls in over 27,000 bands.

## Louisville Dean Says Entry Pleas Increase

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — The dean of Southern Seminary here said there is a 36 per cent increase over last year in applications for entry from incoming first-year students.

Hugh Peterson of Louisville said at the corresponding time one year ago Southern Seminary had accepted 156 applicants. To date this year, he reported 202 applicants for September admission. "The increase is uniform over each of Southern's three schools — religious education, church music and theology," according to Peterson.

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Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor First Church, Dallas

Subject: The Inner Man And Outer Space

This is the day of the atomic bomb. This is the age of the space man. This is an era when the minds of men are aflame with planned and projected trips to the Moon, to Mars, to Venus and to the planets that orbit in outer space.

But if man makes the trip to the Moon, to Mars, or to the sidereal spheres, he will be the same fallen creature that he is here. In the paleolithic age he killed his fellow man with a stone axe or with a wooden club. In this space age he plans to kill his fellow man with atomic bombs, hurled in flaming death from jet planes. As he fought and hated and destroyed on this planet, Earth, so will he hate and destroy when he lives on the Moon or Mars or any other planet beyond the stars.

The earth is thousands of years old. Generations have come and gone, but the man is still lost and undone. Humanity has lifted itself out of ignorance and superstition and darkness, but spiritually we are still the same. With all our boasted achievement, we are on the same level with Adam and Eve when they were driven out of the Garden of Eden.

We can fly through the air like a bird; we can swim through the sea like a fish; but we have never learned to walk on the earth like a man. We have learned to split the atom before we have learned to unite the human family. What we need is guided men and women more than guided missiles. To be better off is not to be better.

The failure of materialism and secularism is to be found on every page of human history, whether in ancient days when the man followed the ox-cart or in our day when we are hurried through the sky in missile madness. Over and beyond, beneath and around all of the boasted attainments of mankind there must ever be the lasting foundation of spiritual values. These are given to us in the Gospel of the Son of God. Without it civilization itself shall fall into bankruptcy and decay.

## Education

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cation. It would maintain an up-to-date campus rectory of Southern Baptist schools as requested and financed by the colleges.

The Education Commission also would provide liaison between Baptist colleges and the agencies of the SBC having specialized vocational choice programs. It would help relate Southern Baptist colleges to these programs.

Its objective, as stated, would be:

"The Education Commission shall assist the Southern Baptist Convention in the propagation of the gospel by (1) constantly apprising southern Baptists as to the objectives, needs, and values of Christian higher education especially as it is related to and needed in the provision of Christian leaders for the Christian enterprise; (2) conducting varied services to enable schools and colleges to function more in the affairs of the denomination, and to maintain a higher degree of efficiency in their educational undertakings. Pursuit of this objective should be with the conviction that Baptist interests should be served in Baptist schools and colleges, under Baptist ownership and control, and supported all or in part by Baptist tithes and offerings."

NEW YORK (RNS) — American Bible Society distribution of Scriptures around the globe reached a rate of 2,600 per hour in 1960, establishing a new record of 23,210,485 pieces for the year, it was announced at the agency's 145th annual meeting here.

The total included 1,253,626 Bibles, 1,925,007 Testaments and 20,051,852 Gospels or portions. They were distributed in 75 countries in 277 languages and 36 "characters" such as braille and arabic.





SIXTY-TWO YOUNG PEOPLE participated in Youth Week at First Church, Corinth, April 2-9. Left to right, above are: H. G. Earwood, Jr., Minister of Music and Education; Joe Ray Underwood, youth pastor; Mary Dell Warford; Bonna Faye Whitten; Jimmie Marie Nelson; James Neal Butler; Benny Warford; John Davis; Skip Galyean; Richard Sweat; and Rev. D. L. Hill, pastor. Leaders not shown are Mary Nell Kemp and Johnny Galyean. The young people were in charge of prayer service, the youth pastor bringing the message; the Chapel Choir, enjoyed a banquet with the Church Choir; the young people participated in an association-wide youth rally; the Chapel Choir, under the direction of James Neal Butler, gave special music on Sunday; the youth pastor assisted in Sunday's services.



NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Mississippi College Ministerial Association are, front row (left to right), Kenny Moore, evangelism chairman; Roy Smith, Secretary-treasurer; John Speights, reporter; and Gordon Sansing, chairman, Mississippi College Day. Back row are Merlin Liverman, music chairman; James Porch, publicity chairman; Jerry Perrill, president; Charles West, vice-president; and Johnny Armstead, social chairman. (Photo by Joe Hudson)

### Carey Announces Summer Plans

Registration will be held in Tatum Court on Monday, June 5 for the first term of summer school at William Carey College. The summer session, which is ten weeks in length, is divided into two terms of five weeks each. The first term will be June 5-July 8 and the second term, July 10-August 12.

Students may earn a total of seven semester hours each five weeks. The cost of attending summer school for the entire summer is approximately \$250.00 for dormitory students and \$125.00 for day students. Practically all of the subjects required of all students in the core curriculum will be taught.

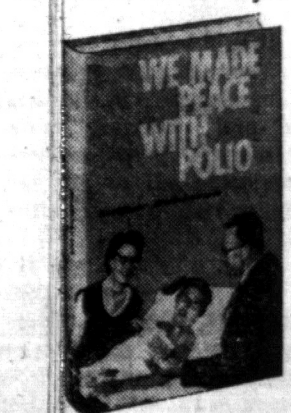


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#### CHRISTIAN SHARING OF POSSESSIONS

—Mrs. Annie Wright Ussery  
This book is now available in the BAPTIST BOOK STORE. It is one of the aims series books of Woman's Missionary Union. The book is a "Bible-study" of stewardship. The author has this to say about the book: "Since, for Christians, the Word of God should be always 'The ground of every argument, the test of every action,' the Bible is the best textbook for a study of stewardship of possessions.

Because the teachings of the Bible are not only progressive,

but cumulative, it must be studied in its entirety. The sixty-six books within it cannot be read quickly. Therefore this book is an attempt to lift out, from Genesis through Revelation, God's important stewardship precepts, his solemn warnings to all who neglect them.

Examples of unfaithful stewardship are cited as deterrents, examples of generous or sacrificial giving as ideals to strive for. Christ is presented as the fulfillment of the law; first century Christians are "laborers with God."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT GULFSHORE  
August 21-25, 1961  
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During Sunday School Week at Gulfshore two separate conferences for adults will be conducted with Mrs. J. Clark Hensley of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, leading conferences for Adult Department and Class Officers and Members; and John Alexander, Associate in the State Sunday School Department leading the conferences for Adult Teachers.

Make your reservation now by writing A. L. Nelson, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.



Mr. Harold Marsh, State Sunday School Secretary for Alabama, will be one of the faculty members for the State Junior-Intermediate Workshop which will be held at the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi on October 23rd and 24th. Mr. Marsh will lead in a demonstration of the use of Role Playing and Drama in Junior and Intermediate Classes.

### Newton County Sets Goal For Clarke Program

The Newton County Greater Clarke College Expansion Program Committee has set a goal for that county of \$56,860.00; decided to conduct its solicitation beginning on June 21, 1961; and committed itself to securing a minimum of 300 subscriptions in the following categories to attain the underwriting of the full 5 year objective:

8 at 250.00 per year = 5 year total of 10,000.00, 10 at 200.00 per year = 5 year total of 10,000.00, 20 at 100.00 per year = 5 year total of 10,000.00, 40 at 50.00 per year = 5 year total of 10,000.00, 60 at 25.00 per year = 5 year total of 7,500.00, 156 at 12.00 per year = 5 year total of 9,360.00.

Newton County is to be the first of four pilot campaigns which are to be completed before the end of July. The other three are to be in Jasper, Jones and Lauderdale counties where steps are underway to get the organizations started to have them ready to conduct their efforts prior to the statewide program that will be carried forward in the months of late August, September and October.

#### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee Newton County Greater Clarke College Expansion Program consists of Chairman Roy Kuykendall, Newton; Co-chairmen Bob Lay, Newton; Malcolm McMullan, Newton, and Louis Nance, Lawrence; Dr. Omar Simmons, Newton; E. M. Smith, Decatur; E. R. Stampert, Chunks, Lester White, Union; T. O. Whyte, Newton, and Newton McCormick, Hickory.

### Isola Concludes Youth Week

First Church, Isola, observed Youth Week May 14-21.

On Wednesday night, Jerry Sullivan, High School Coach from Belzoni, spoke.

Rev. Paul Nix, sophomore ministerial student from Mississippi College, brought the Sunday morning message.

Miss Janelle Tharp, summer mission worker, Home Mission Board, and a senior at Mississippi College, had charge of the Sunday evening services.

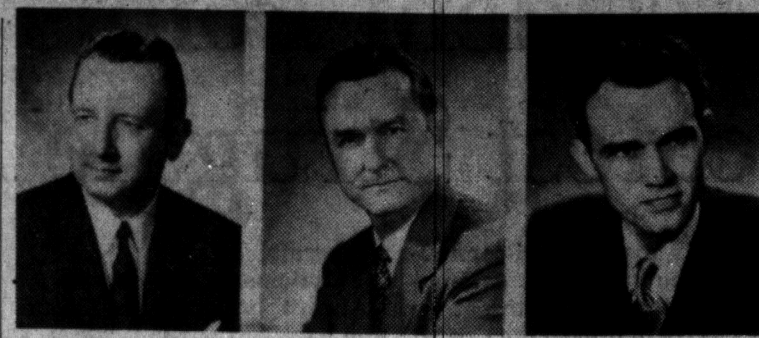
Other young people participating in Youth Week were: Thomas Donald, Sammy Crawford, Timothy Galloway, Stanley, Donald, Little T. Tharp, Buck Wade, Gwen Sears, Charlotte Sears, Camille Shofner, Beverly Donald, Gene Rutledge, Sandy Right, Gene McGahey, Johnny D. Lofton, Linda Wade, Shirley Vail, Glenda Donald, Martha Clay Spruill.

A fellowship hour followed the Sunday evening services. Rev. Claude Galloway is pastor.

### Correction

The Home Mission Week of Prayer Offering, Galilee Baptist Church, Mississippi Association should have been listed as \$527.25 instead of the \$22.00 as reported.

The Home Mission Week of Prayer Offering, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, Lee Association should have been listed as \$636.38 instead of \$131.80 as reported.



RIDGECREST SPEAKERS for the three Southern Baptist Training Union Leadership assemblies are shown here. They are, L to R, H. Guy Moore, pastor, Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., speaking June 29-July 5; James Potter, pastor, Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C., July 6-12; and Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 13-19.

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Salem	Oxford, 1st
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Horn Lake	Oloh
FRANKLIN	LAUDERDALE
Roxie	Calvary
GRENADA	Fifteen Avenue
Grenada, 1st	Highland
GREENE	Key Field
McLain	Oakland Heights
Leakesville	Southside
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Emmanuel	LAWRENCE
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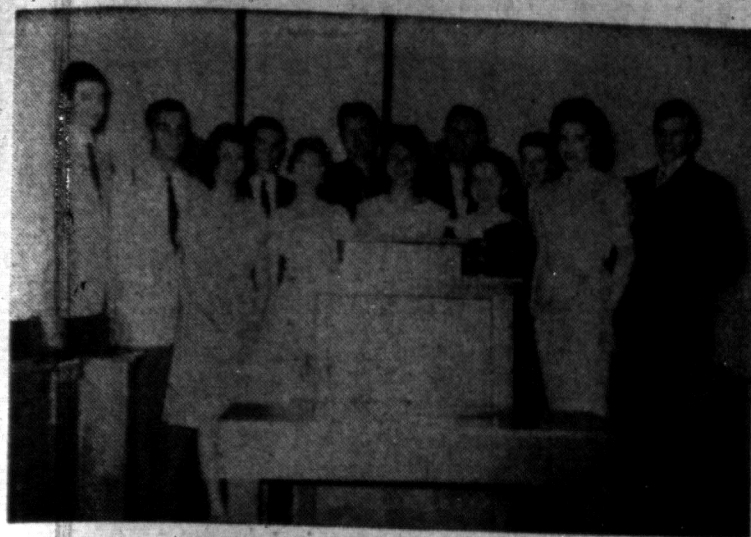
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**LONG LAKE Church in Vicksburg has 30 inches of water in the auditorium as evidenced by this photo taken Monday of this week. The pastor, Rev. Hugh Smith, seen in picture, says services are now being held in a garage. The high water is caused by the current rise in the Mississippi River. Anyone wishing to assist the church may send contributions to the pastor, Rev. Hugh Smith, Route 4, Box 383, Vicksburg, Miss.**

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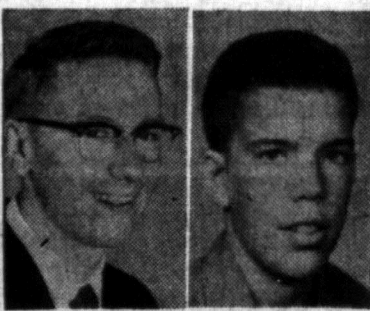
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WACO, Tex. — (BP) — Charles Wellborn, pastor of the 3,800-member Seventh and James Baptist Church across the street from Baylor University in Waco, Tex., has resigned effective June 11 to enter Duke University in Durham N. C. He will work on the doctor of philosophy degree in Religion and Christian Ethics.

Medal, Clara Powell Simpson, Houston; Linda Berry Music Award, Lynn Mikell, Jacksonville, Fla.; Home Economics Award, Nancy Hollis, Chalbeate.

James T. Henson Scholarship, Phyllis Haynes, Moscow, Tenn.; Wood-Clark-Wells Art Scholarship and the Bess Hutchins Spanish Award, Sue Haire, Marianna, Ark.; Lawrence T. Lowrey, Best Listener Award, Virginia Bingham, Tupelo; Kirk-Wofford Creative Writing Award, Jeanne de la Houssaye, New Orleans, La.; Rosa May Kennedy Music Award, Nettie McCaddon, Memphis; and the WMU Scholarship, Delores Summer, Mulberry, Fla.

The Lina Hardin Guyton Ministerial Scholarship was awarded in September to Rev. Richard Poyner, pastor of the Tipplersville Baptist Church in Tiptah County. Mr. Poyner is a ministerial student in Blue Mountain College.



Mitchell McNeely

## Temple, Myrtle Licenses Two

On April 16, Temple Church, Myrtle, licensed two young men to the gospel ministry.

Hugh Roy Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mitchell of Myrtle, is a freshman at North-east Junior College. He is 17 years of age and was valedictorian of his senior class at Myrtle High School. Hugh served as youth week pastor for Temple Church.

Auzie McNeely, 16 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Auzie McNeely of Myrtle. He is a freshman at Myrtle High School. Auzie has taken part in many of the activities of his church, having been a member of R. A. and will teach in Vacation Bible School this year.

Rev. Robert E. Walker is pastor of Temple Church.

## Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

MAY 28, 1961

Aberdeen, First 491 90  
Main 423  
Mission 48  
Amory, First 571 194  
Artesia 78 72  
Batesville, First 472 168  
Bethel (Copiah) 102 42  
Biloxi, Emmanuel 273 121  
Booneville, First 300 124  
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven 124 52  
Byram Mem. (Hinds) 104 32  
Calhoun City, First 307 134  
Canton, First 104 32  
Canton, Center Terrace 352 133  
Clear Creek (Laf.) 88 66  
Cleveland 203 79  
Immanuel 421 100  
Calvary 196 92  
Clinton, Morrison Hgts. 160 76  
Collins 196 119  
Columbia, First 689 250  
Columbus, First 711 197  
Corinth: First 412 71  
East 282 151  
Crystal Springs, First Fellowship (Choctaw) 95 35  
Grenada, Emmanuel 221 97  
Greenville: First 190 162  
Main 1073 345  
Greenfield 948 294  
Chinese 51  
Parkview 326 127  
Emmanuel 56 20  
Southside 105 43  
Greenwood: Calvary 531 153  
North 433 78  
Gulfport, First 165 98  
Hattiesburg: Central 334 159  
First 648 253  
Temple 513 171  
38th Avenue 288 149  
Main Street 949 441  
Main 886 381  
North Main 18 11  
Wayside 18 11  
Houston, First 324 151  
Indianola, First 302 112  
Indianola, Second 247 157  
Jackson: Ridgecrest 763 299  
Temple 116 75  
McDowell Road 293 169  
Woodland Hills 271 171  
Magnolia Park 67 42  
Highland 290 142  
Parkway 1012 459  
First 1695 196  
Griffith Memorial 332 185  
West 836 394  
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Unity 189 98  
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Petal, Crestview 125 92  
Philadelphia, East 171 150  
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Purvis, First 318 140  
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Ripley, First 392 146  
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Sharon (Gulf Coast) 139 54  
Soso, First 148 92  
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Calvary 160 111  
Terry 211 101  
Tupelo: Calvary 511 176  
First 458 128  
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Union, First 344 129  
Mission 44 31  
Vicksburg: First 713 183  
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Walnut Grove (Leake) 85 54  
Wellman (Lincoln) 85 29  
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By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell  
Scripture Texts: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 3:10-14; 3.

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## —THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON A Search For Life's Meaning

to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven (Ecclesiastes 1:13). The word the author uses to name himself here is most numerous translated, "Preacher," though the various versions of the Bible call him Preacher, Great Orator, or The Speaker. He may not have been in our, or in any sense, a regularly ordained preacher, if the aged negro's definition, "A preacher am a man whut preaches" has merit. Ecclesiastes was a preacher, a gospel gun of large bore. He starts like a preacher, frankly facing life's difficulties, fully acknowledging man's frailties and affirming the wickedness of the world, passionately proclaiming the hopelessness of man's estate and of that of the whole world, if left to the ability to rescue of any or all power "under heaven," yet sure and very sure of victory over all evil if joined in vital faith with the might of the Almighty. That has been down all the centuries the preacher's method.

The preacher borrows the personality of Solomon, wisest of the wise, rich enough to be happy, if happiness can be secured by riches, and finds in the end "all is vexation and a vanity of spirit." This preacher finds that there are things that mere human wisdom can not make right. Have you tried it? If you try it, try to explain suffering, birth, death, out of the wisdom of his own mind, without relying to the author of all life for help, will also end with the conclusion that "all is vanity."

**II. OURS A UNIVERSE OF ORDER.** "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The preacher has tried wisdom, and wisdom has failed him. The wisest of men come to be unhappy, or, better, have continued to be that way. And when he who has spent the long years of life in trying to attain a state of happiness, he looks back upon the vanished years as wasted years, and sorrowfully says, "I was so happy, and did not know it."

In this passage the preacher comes to the point where he seems to take a fatalistic view.

There is a time to be born and a time to die, and man can not delay or hasten, or avoid either. The British soldier of the First World War had a saying of bullets that, if one was moulded with your name on it, it would get you, no matter what you did. When the world is ordered like that, why strive to do anything about it? All striving is utterly useless. The best course would seem to be to throw one's self into the stream and drift.

The writer had set himself a problem, or, shall we say that the writer, the preacher has had posed for him a problem to which he has not as yet found a solution. He has nothing left to say of riches, culture, pleasure; he has only to say that not one or all of these things brings lasting happiness or the worthwhile values of life.

In continuing his quest for a rule of life that will lead him to the highest good, he reminds himself that God is a God of order, and speedily arrives at the conclusion that wisdom lies in adapting ourselves to that order. It is at a time appointed by the Creator that the individual life begins and ends, and the same is true for all the events intermediate between birth and death which make up the sum of human existence. All our undertakings are thus subject to His unchangeable decree.

## New Sight Plans Homecoming Day

Sunday, June 4, will be Memorial and Homecoming Day for New Sight Church, Brookhaven. A former pastor, Rev. E. M. Daffin of Wesson, will bring the message in the morning service.

Troy Mohon, registrar of Mississippi College and a former principal of New Sight school, will be the speaker in the afternoon service. Lunch will be served.

"Whenever I see you, I think of Jones." "But I'm not a bit like Jones." "Yes, you are. You both owe me \$10."

Waitress — Did you order this sundae, sir? Customer — No, late Saturday afternoon, I think.

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## Off The Record

The father was reading the school report which had just been handed to him by his hopeful son. His brow was wrinkled as he read: "English, poor; history, weak; mathematics, fair;" and he gave a glance of disgust at the quaking lad. "Well, Dad," said the son, "It is not as good as it might be, but have you seen that?" And he pointed to the next line which read: "Health, excellent."

An Italian baker was confronted with the problem of mastering English in order to impress the large number of tourists. After much careful study of several books he felt confident to advertise the generous size of his wares and painted above his shop window the following sign: "Luigi Ferrazzi, The Biggest Loafers in Town."

I told my three-year-old granddaughter to show me the things in the catalogue she would like to get for Christmas. Pointing to a bowling ball she said, "Grandma, I want that." I answered, "When you get bigger, dear."

She continued with, "Grandma, I want that," thru water-skis, snow skis, ice skates, etc., and I continued answering with, "When you get bigger, dear." Finally she closed the catalogue and I asked, "Now do you know what you want for Christmas, dear?"

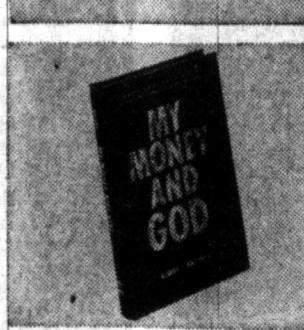
She answered, "Yes, Grandma, I want to get bigger." — Mrs. W. L. Hough, Cornet.

After a recent Texas flood a newcomer arrived in Heaven, and in true Texas style, started telling about the great disaster. In the midst of his story one of the listeners yawned and walked away. The Texan, offended, asked: "Who was that old so and so?" "Oh," replied another, "that was only Noah."

Waitress — Did you order this sundae, sir? Customer — No, late Saturday afternoon, I think.

## YOUR BAPTIST BOOK STORE RECOMMENDS . . .

to read and to use . . .



**MY MONEY AND GOD**

by Robert J. Hastings

In the total stewardship of one's money, this author maintains, "thrift and offerings" are only the beginning. Here are thought-provoking answers to such questions as: How do I earn my money? What is my attitude toward it? How do I give it? Spend it? How will I leave it? (26b) \$2.50

**YOU CAN WIN SOULS**

by C. E. Autrey

This practical manual for personal soul-winners is as clear and direct as the title itself. It deals realistically with the qualifications, equipment, and techniques of the soul-winner, and with the problems of winning the anxious, the indifferent, the doubters, and those of other beliefs. (26b) \$2.95

**TOOLS FOR TEACHING AND TRAINING**

by LeRoy Ford

Here are workable methods of nonprojected visual presentations—described in detail and illustrated with clear, simple drawings. This is for Sunday school teachers, Training Union leaders—and just about everybody who wants "get an idea across" quickly, understandably, and unforgettably! (26b) 95 cents

**GOD MADE ME NEW**

by Burnice Luck

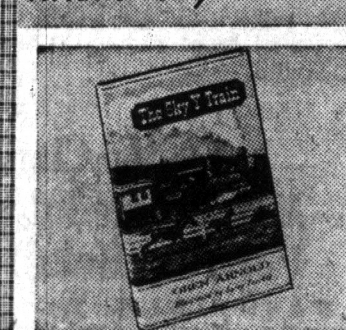
The personal testimony of a Texas railroad man who knows the power of God in gaining victory over drink, gambling, and paganism in his life. Told in first person, it is a direct, hard-hitting account of one man's desperate need and how God met it—a true and dramatic example of God's mercy to "whosoever will." (26b) \$1.00

**J. M. PRICE: Portrait of a Pioneer**

by Clyde Merrill Maguire

In these pages the character and leadership of a wise and beloved educator are felt anew. Now retired—though far from inactive—Dr. Price headed the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for 41 years. His biography will be treasured by all who know him—or wish they did! (26b) \$2.95

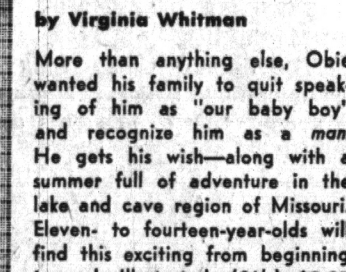
...and for your children's summer reading



**THE SKY Y TRAIN**

by Oren Arnold

Nine to thirteen-year-olds will enjoy this fast-moving story of Red Conway's summer in the Arizona mountains. Unexpected danger turns boredom into adventure, and Red finds his courage tested and his outlook on himself and his companions completely changed. By the author of *The Chili Pepper Children*. Illustrated. (26b) \$2.95



**OZARK OBIE**

by Virginia Whitman

More than anything else, Obie wanted his family to quit speaking of him as "our baby boy" and recognize him as a man. He gets his wish—along with a summer full of adventure in the lake and cave region of Missouri. Eleven- to fourteen-year-olds will find this exciting from beginning to end. Illustrated. (26b) \$2.95

**THE SINGING BELLS**

by Anita Scott Coleman

Because they all liked so much to sing, the Bells were a very special family. Here's a charming and different story, on the basis of a 6-8 year-old-child's experience of what makes a group of people a family—living and loving and sharing together. Ages 6-8. Illustrated. (26b) Board binding, 60 cents  
Cloth binding, \$1.00

**JESUS' FIRST TRIP**

by Robbie Trent

Two- to four-year-olds will love this retelling of the flight to Egypt by Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus. The simple text is within the young child's understanding, and the rhythmic prose gives him a warm feeling of security. Beautiful color illustrations. (26b) Board binding, 60 cents  
Cloth binding, \$1.00

**I HELP TOO**  
by Alma May Scarborough

This warm-hearted, home-centered little book deals skilfully with two of the small child's basic needs—to achieve, and to be accepted.



## Wildwood Plans Homecoming

Wildwood Church, Laurel, have Homecoming day, Sunday, June 4. This is an annual affair. The Wildwood Church was organized the first Sunday in June, 1950.

This will be the 11th birthday of the church. There has been a healthy growth of the church these years. Rev. J. M. Foy is the pastor and has been nine and a half years. The church has received 1123 members under his leadership.

The resident membership is now more than 700 with an average Sunday School attendance of about 440. All former members and friends are invited to worship and share the basket lunch at the noon hour.

## Tutwiler Enters Development Program

First Church, Tutwiler has entered the 1961 Southern Baptist Church Development Ministry, the pastor, Rev. L. D. Wall, announced.

Each participating church selects projects relating to the local church, the local community, and world-wide missions. An inventory questionnaire furnishes suggestions for projects such as leadership training, community recreation programs, and world-wide missions.

Pastors recognized for their achievement receive a parchment scroll and churches recognized for their achievement receive a plaque.

## Calvary Calls Guy C. Futral

Calvary Church, Starkville has called as their pastor Rev. Guy C. Futral, who began his duties on May 14.

He came to Starkville from the pastorate of West Hialeah Church, Hialeah, Florida, a part of Greater Miami.



Shown above, left to right, are Rev. Ray Watson, pastor of Brewer Church, Perry County, and Chairman of the Missions Committee of Perry County Association; Rev. W. L. Yeatman, pastor of Good Hope Church, Perry County, and member of the Perry County Missions Committee; Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary, State Cooperative Missions Department, Jackson; Edgar Dunkley, deacon at Beaumont Church; Rev. Ray Grissett, pastor at Beaumont and new Superintendent of Missions, Perry Association; E. H. Webb, deacon at Beaumont; and M. J. Byrd, deacon at Beaumont. Members of the Perry County Missions Committee not shown are Liston Courtney, member of Prospect Church, and A. W. Blackwell, member of the Rummelstown Church. Beaumont Church has agreed for Rev. Grissett to work as Superintendent of Missions while still serving as their pastor. Dr. Rogers, Secretary, Cooperative Missions Department, stated that the Beaumont Church is to be commended for this.

## Perry Association Appoints Superintendent of Missions



Rev. J. Ray Grissett has been appointed Superintendent of Missions for Perry County Association; he began his duties in that capacity on May 1. (He will continue to serve as pastor at Beaumont Church.) A native of Mobile, Alabama, Rev. Grissett received a B. A.

degree from Mississippi College and a B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

During his first pastorate at Richburg Church, Hattiesburg, (Lamar Association), the church led the association in baptisms three different years, growing in membership from 20 to 190 and engaging in two building programs.

In Lamar County, he served as associational moderator, chairman of evangelism, and president of the Pastors' conference.

Since June, 1959, he has been pastor of the Beaumont Church in Perry Association.

During 1960, he preached in eight revivals. Rev. Grissett is married to the former Thelma Saucier who received a Bachelor of Music degree at Mississippi Southern in 1958. They have a son, Jerry Ray Grissett, 20 months.

## —DEVOTIONAL— The Religion Of Absolutes

Matthew 6:33

By Dr. Landrum Leavell  
Pastor, First, Gulfport

The point for clarification is that Jesus assumed we shall have other interests, but without apology He said: "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom..." Anytime a choice is involved, the decision is already made for the Christian, for everything is subordinate to the Kingdom and its demands. We must, then, commit ourselves to the things to which God is committed. This begins with

### ABSOLUTE CONVICTIONS

One of the heart breaking aspects of our democracy is that one can live in our land and enjoy its privileges, yet all the while seek the overthrow of our democratic way of life and claim constitutional immunity to questions concerning his loyalty. This, however, is not nearly so heart rending as to see one who supposedly belongs to Christ serving the devil while living under God's mercy. The latter is worse than the former, for it brings eternal consequences. In the religion of absolutes, no neutrality is countenanced, for our Lord said: "He that is not with Me is against Me..." Another demand is

### ABSOLUTE LOYALTY

Jesus Christ told us the utter impossibility of serving two masters. The ultimate truth is that either God commands us or someone or something else does. Our Lord went so far as to say that "he that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me." The harshness of this is softened only as we see that when Christ is first, there are no conflicting loves. This is intended to sift out the pseudo-followers of Jesus. The religion of absolutes expects

### ABSOLUTE LOVE

This is not love for precedent, nor for creeds or doctrines, but love for the Saviour and for a lost world. When we love the Lord with this type of New Testament love, then the possibility that too great a demand can be placed on us, or too great a sacrifice expected of us, is ruled out forever. There are no "secret followers" of Jesus Christ, for love always finds expression. "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." Stand up now and show your colors!

## LIBERTY PLANS HOMECOMING

Liberty Church at Jefferson, in Carroll County, will observe Homecoming Day June 4.

Rev. John E. Gray, pastor, states that any interested person is invited to come. Services will begin at 10 a. m.

Employer: For this job we want a responsible man.

APPLICANT: Then, that's me. Everywhere I've worked, when something went wrong, they told me I was responsible.

## LOCUST GROVE YOUTH WEEK

Locust Grove Church, Union County Assn., recently observed Youth Week.

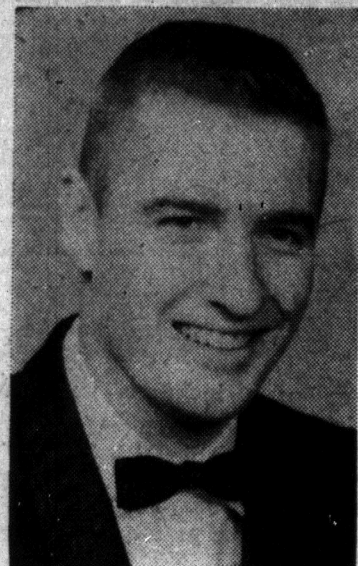
The following people served in positions of leadership in Sunday school and Training Union:

Cecil Pannell, Larry Pickens, Joan Hanson, Bobby Kirkendall, Linda Howell, Exie Hill, Jean Floyd, Ann Garrison, Allen Roberts, Ann Roberts, Linda Hamlin, J. C. Garrison, David Frazier, Jimmy Pickens.

Rev. Jerry D. Lowrie is the pastor.



**PASTOR HONORED** — Dr. Joe H. Cothen, pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, has been honored by his church for his contribution as a bible teacher. Jack Stanley (right), chairman of Deacons, is presenting Dr. Cothen a Master Teachers' Citation expressing the church's gratitude for his contribution to the Bible teaching ministry of the church.



"CHUCK" BRANDON is the new Director of Youth and Recreation at Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, having begun his duties there on May 14. Dr. A. O. Collins is the pastor.

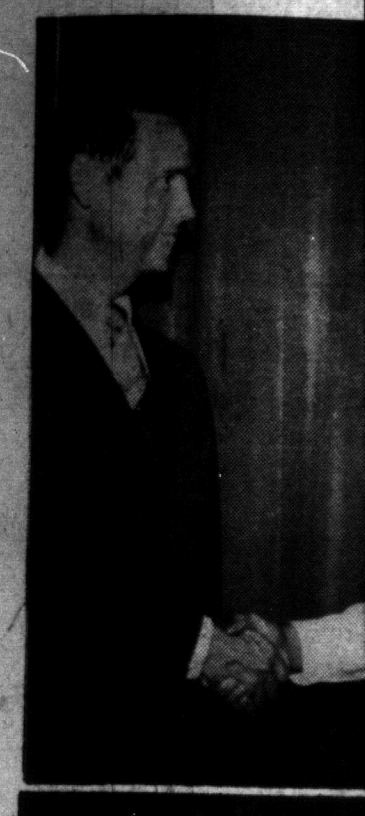
From McComb, Brandon is a 1961 graduate of Mississippi College, where he majored in education and physical education. He will work at Fifteenth Avenue during the summer months.

## Davis Celebrates 10th Anniversary

May 22 marked the tenth anniversary of Rev. H. L. Davis' pastorate at the Moselle Memorial Church.

In the last ten years the total membership at Moselle has grown from 275 to 342. About 200 people have been added to the membership, 100 by letter and 100 by baptism. Approximately \$25,000 has been spent in improvement of the church property. A new parsonage has been built and paid for; educational space has been enlarged to provide for four Sunday school assemblies, with seven new rooms added to the new educational plant and redecorated; an organ has been added to the church's three pianos; robes were bought for the choir.

The church's offerings have risen from \$6,110.00 in 1951 to \$10,285.25 last year. Cooperative Program gifts have risen from \$58.00 to \$600.00 in a year. Sunday school average attendance grew from 90 in 1951 to 141 in 1960.



**GLORIETA-RIDGECREST RE** Kermit King, state Training Jimmy Lancaster (left), member will represent the state at Glorietta-Ridgecrest Assembly, both in second photo Gene Pierce, of instructions to Barbara Je Memorial Church, Blue Moun Ridgecrest Assembly, and Bon Oxford, will carry the state b in the Young People's Speaker four qualified by winning fi Tournaments held Saturday in

## Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson may now be addressed at Baptist Mission, Ibeu Ibe, Nigeria, West Africa. (An incorrect address was published several weeks ago.) Mrs. Roberson states that she lost her address book on the way back to Nigeria, and if folks want to hear from them, they'll have to write first!

Miss Alma Rohm and Miss Edythe Montroy, missionaries who were injured in an automobile accident near Port Harcourt, Nigeria, April 27, have returned to the States for recuperation and furlough. Miss Rohm, native of Waco, Tex., is in Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex., and Miss Montroy, native of Drew, Miss., is in Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

David Edward, second son of Rev. and Mrs. L. Laverne Gregory, Southern Baptist missionaries to Costa Rica, was born May 3. The Gregorys' address is Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. Both are natives of Missouri, he of Kirksville and she, the former Betty Goad, of St. Louis.

Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, was guest speaker at a breakfast for high school seniors at First Church, McComb, Sunday morning, May 28. He also spoke at the morning worship service of the church that day. Dr. Wyatt Hunter is the pastor.

Bryant Cummings, State Sunday School Secretary, Jackson was featured speaker at a Sunday School banquet at First Church, McComb, Wednesday evening, May 31. Dr. Wyatt Hunter is the pastor; Tommy Davis is Minister of Music and Education.

Mrs. James R. Allen, Jr. has joined the staff of First Church, Gulfport, Dr. Landrum P. Leavell, pastor, as educational secretary. Mrs. Allen will replace Miss Jean Haire

whose resignation becomes effective June 1. A graduate of Baylor University, Mrs. Allen has worked as an executive secretary and for three years was Baptist Student Union Director at Jones Junior College, Ellisville.

## Junior Choir Music Scheduled For July Release

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BPN) — A new collection of choral music for Junior choirs is scheduled for release by Broadman Press July 1.

"The Junior Choir Sings," for unison and two-part singing, is a collection of descants and music for this age group. All original compositions, they have been designed for the Junior choir.



MARTHA LEE SESSUMS, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sessums, Lena, and JO-ANNE SAVELL, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Savell of Terry, will spend the summer working on the staff at Ridgecrest. Martha is a 1961 graduate of the Mississippi School For the Deaf, and Joanne will be a junior at MSD next fall. They will be accompanied to Ridgecrest by Mrs. Anabel Black, MSD homemaker instructor, who has also been on the staff at Ridgecrest for a number of years.

**THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED**



FIRST CHURCH, MERIDIAN, welcomed their new pastor, Dr. Beverly Tinnin, with a reception in Fellowship Hall of the church on May 21. In the receiving line were, above, left to right: George M. Ethridge, Jr., Chairman of Deacons; Mrs. Ethridge; Mrs. Tinnin; Dr. Tinnin. The girls pictured are Coleen, Gwen and Charlotte, daughters of the Tinnins. Mrs. Eulys N. Motley, Chairman of the Reception, and Mrs. T. J. White, Jr., Co-Chairman, greeted the guests. On behalf of the church, Dr. M. L. Flynt presented Dr. and Mrs. Tinnin a handsome tray.

## HILLCREST ANNOUNCES DEDICATION

Hillcrest Church, George County, will hold dedication services for their church building on Sunday, June 4. A revival will also begin that day. (See "Revival Dates" column for further details).

The dedication service will be held at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, June 4, with Rev. U. G. Salter as the guest speaker.

Hillcrest Church, begun as a part of the 30,000 Movement, was constituted September 6, 1959, with 20 charter members. It was never a mission, but has been self-supporting since its organization. Rev. Dan G. Hembree has served as full-time pastor since November, 1959.

The congregation now has a parsonage, as well as a church building.

## Revival Dates



Hillcrest (George): June 4-18; Rev. Howard Davis, Ocean Springs, evangelist; Howard Stone, song leader; Rev. Dan G. Hembree, pastor.

## STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIZED IN NEW BOOK

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BPN) — A new Broadman Press book on stewardship will be utilized in connection with budget planning in churches this fall.

"My Money and God," by Dr. Robert J. Hastings, stewardship secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, speaks directly and helpfully to the problems of stewardship, both large and small. It is concerned not only with giving but also with earning and spending.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Two faculty additions and two promotions at New Orleans Seminary have been announced by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, Seminary president.



WAYNE MILEY has been called by Parkway Church, Jackson as Minister of Music. A native of Louisiana, he earned the degree of Master of Church Music this month at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth Texas. Mr. Miley has served as Minister of Music and Youth Activities at First Church, Mineral Wells, Texas, while attending the seminary. Mrs. Miley, also a native of Louisiana, received her Master's Degree in Organ at Southwestern Seminary this month. She will serve as church organist.



**Gets Doctorate** — Dr. Leon J. Smith was one of seven who received the Doctorate of Theology degree in the May 19 commencement of the Southern Seminary. Dr. Smith is a native of McComb, having graduated from the McComb High School in 1948. He attended Mississippi College and received the B.A. degree in 1952.

## Betty Bingham Drew the Church

Mrs. Betty Bingham, member of the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, drew the illustration accompanying an article in last week's Record entitled, "Daniel Memorial Church Bursting at the Beams," as well as contributing to the writing of the article. With her picture of people literally falling out the crevices of the church, she originated the idea for the title, "Bursting at the Beams."

Cutlines prepared for the article last week and giving credit to Mrs. Bingham were inadvertently omitted from the paper.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

DeLisle Chapel, Long Beach: May 15-22; Rev. John W. Wade, pastor, Pass Road Church, Gulfport, evangelist; Rev. Walter F. Haley, pastor and music leader; five professions of faith; one addition by letter; one by statement; eleven rededications.

New Palestine, Picayune: April 30-May 7; almost one hundred decisions; fifteen for baptism; Rev. Durwood "Step" Martin, pastor, Navco Church, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Billy Crosby, music director, New Palestine Church, music leader; Rev. Hoyte El Nelson, pastor. This team, Martin and Crosby, have resigned their respective positions, to enter the field of full-time evangelism together.

While at Mississippi College he was editor of the Mississippi Collegian and was awarded the Kyzar speech medal. In 1955 he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary. Dr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smith, 314 Louisiana Avenue, McComb. His area of study is in the field of Christian Theology. He is the only Mississippian to receive the Th.D. degree from the Louisville seminary this year.

## CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Paul N. Nunery, Superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, has announced the closing and abandonment of the school which has operated on the campus of the Village for many years, serving the first eight grades. Effective July 1, 1961, the children at the Village will come under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Separate School District of Jackson, and will consequently attend the municipal schools of Jackson from grades 1 through 12 for the first time in September of this year.

The school on the campus which has been maintained as a special school district of Hinds County, accommodating only those children in grade one through eight who were in residence at the Village, was closed upon petition of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Village, approved by Hinds County Board of Education and Mississippi State Educational Finance Commission with the Board of Jackson Municipal Separate School District concurring.

## Sundays By U. S.

WASHINGTON — (BP) Laws prohibiting business and commercial activity on Sunday are constitutional, according to a decision by the United States Supreme Court.

However, such laws are constitutional only to the extent that they are general regulations to protect the health and welfare of the public by providing a "community day rest," the court ruled.

If such laws are designed to enforce the observance of religious holiday, they violate separation of church and state and would be unconstitutional, the court warned. The Supreme Court came as it handed down